

Executive Director Announcement

Dear LACLJ Supporter,

On behalf of the LACLJ Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce Carmen McDonald has been selected as LACLJ's new Executive Director.

Carmen has more than 20 years of experience advocating for survivors and working in legal aid. Her career is characterized by her dedication and passion for helping survivors access justice and safety. Carmen has led the representation of hundreds of domestic violence survivors in family court and immigration proceedings and has overseen precedent-setting appeals. In her prior role as Director of Legal Services, she led the expansion of LACLJ's holistic legal services and pro bono program, helping LACLJ represent and serve even more survivors in need.

Over the past six months, I have had the honor of working with Carmen while she has served as the Interim Executive Director. I am excited to continue our partnership and our fight for survivors' equitable access to justice. As an estimable leader in our community, Carmen will guide us in our mission to empower survivors and as we strive to achieve our vision of a strong community where families are safe, stable, and free from injustice.

Thank you to the search committee (Jennifer Ziegler, Cristyn Chadwick, and Philip Sanchez), the Board, and Kevin Chase Executive Search Group for their diligence during this process. I would also like to thank the incredible LACLJ staff for their support and collaboration during through this transition period.

On behalf of all of us at LACLJ, thank you for your support of our mission. We are grateful for your continued partnership as we begin this next exciting chapter.

Sincerely,

Randall Jackson President, LACLJ Board of Directors

