



Alana Matthews (She/Her)

She graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta, becoming the first person in her family to earn a college degree. She went on to receive her law degree from McGeorge School of Law while raising three children. While serving as a Deputy District Attorney in Sacramento County, she worked her way up from misdemeanor jury trials to prosecuting perpetrators of domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, general felony, and prison crime cases. She worked to protect victims in the courtroom while also focusing on reducing crime in the community. A pioneer in the legal field, she mentored women on parole while leading the Florin Law Academy program to build legal career pathways for at-risk youth in South Sacramento.

After eight years as a Deputy District Attorney, she was recruited to help start the enforcement unit for the California Energy Commission and later appointed Public Adviser for the agency by Governor Jerry Brown. In this position, she launched the agency's equity initiative to ensure California's most vulnerable communities were protected under the state's clean energy policies, programs, and investments. She expanded on this work as the Chief Consultant for Climate Change for the California Legislature, continuing to address disparities in policy and practice to protect vulnerable populations.

In 2021 she transitioned back into the field of criminal justice joining the Prosecutors Alliance of California (PAC) as the Director of Policy Resources, Training and Membership. She is also an adjunct professor at McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California.

In 2020 she founded the Community Justice Collaborative to empower and educate underserved communities throughout Sacramento by hosting free educational legal clinics.