COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION COMMISSION
Jo Kaplan

Jo Kaplan an attorney since 1968, has spent the last 40 years trying to improve the Juvenile justice system in Los Angeles. Since her Graduation from UCLA Laws school in 1968 she has served as an expert and a leader on this subject in numerous capacities.

She taught juvenile law at two Los Angeles law schools, served as a criminal defense attorney in private practice for many years, she was leader in in the office of the public defender in the juvenile Division, always interested in moving rehabilitation and reform forward, she also spent a year as the Board of Supervisors liaison with the public defender and juvenile policy. Perhaps most dramatic was her tenure at Clc where, she Served for 10 years as the Head of offices of Jo Kaplan, (the precursor to The Children's Law Center (CLC) where she championed the issue of right to counsel for the abused and neglected. Most recently she was a juvenile court as needed referee, where she took her robe in to the Juvenile Camps in L.A. County and held court for hundreds and hundreds of children while they were locked up, so when they were released back to the Community they would have closed open cases and could get on with their lives with some hope of education and jobs.

In the past she has, along with Carol Biondi and Vice President Al gore, been honored by Public counsel, also By Casa, by Loyola law school, by ClC and numerous other organizations...

Currently, she serves on the Board of the Alliance for Children's rights, honoree advisory board of Everychild Foundation, Clc board, Mental health advocates advisory Board, Westside children's center alumni board. Most recently she and her husband Larry Feldman, helped create the position of Executive director for Loyola law Schools Center for Juvenile law and Policy,(Cjlp)where she proudly as part of this leading cutting edge organization continues to vigorously advocate for the creation of a just and fair Juvenile system in L. A. County , one we can proud of, and can serve as a model for the rest of the country.