

 OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY COUNSEL



RODRIGO A. CASTRO-SILVA

2020 – 2022

Rodrigo Castro-Silva became the 16th County Counsel when he was appointed by the Board of Supervisors in January 2021, after serving as Acting County Counsel for several months.

Mr. Castro-Silva attended Indiana University on a soccer scholarship, where he majored in biology and philosophy. After college, he played professional soccer for the Major Indoor Soccer League, but after the league folded, he attended the University of Southern California (USC) to study political science. Mr. Castro-Silva was then admitted to and graduated from the USC Gould School of Law. After law school, he clerked for Judge George H. King, a federal district court judge in Los Angeles, then he went to work for O'Melveny & Myers as a litigation associate. Wanting more trial experience, he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office where he remained for 14 years. Mr. Castro-Silva also served as an Adjunct Professor in the Legal Writing and Advocacy Program at the USC Gould School of Law.

Mr. Castro-Silva began his County career in 2014 as a Senior Assistant County Counsel over the Labor & Employment and Law Enforcement Services Divisions but also oversaw the Health Services, Workers' Compensation, and Probate Divisions at various times in that role. In 2019, the Board of Supervisors entrusted Mr. Castro-Silva to serve as the Interim Inspector General to provide oversight of the Sheriff's Department, which then eventually led to his appointment as County Counsel. Mr. Castro-Silva was appointed to Chief Deputy County Counsel in June 2020.

Like his predecessor, Mr. Castro-Silva had to step in during the COVID-19 pandemic and continued to face novel health, employment, and homelessness-related issues. He continued to navigate the defense of the massively complex homelessness lawsuit brought in federal court against the County and the City of Los Angeles. He also oversaw the Board's motion to revive coroner inquests, which had not been conducted in over 40 years, to examine multiple officer-involved shootings that resulted in death. After a little over a year in office, Mr. Castro-Silva retired in 2022.