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Tina Luongo is the Attorney-in-Charge of the Criminal Defense Practice of The Legal Aid Society. As the Chief Defender of the nation's largest and oldest public defender office, Tina is responsible for leading a passionate and dedicated staff of over 1100 responsible for representing more than 200,000 people in their trial, post-conviction and parole matters. In addition, Tina oversees two law reforms units that mount class action litigation and legislative advocacy for jail, prison and criminal legal system reforms. Her deep commitment to community engagement lead to the expansion of the organization's Community Justice Unit. Under her leadership, The Legal Aid Society opened the first-ever defense focused Digital Forensic Unit, launched both the Cop Accountability and Decarceration Projects and increased the capacity of every trial office to provide the highest quality representation to clients. She is dedicated to increasing the diversity of the public defense workforce and is integrally involved in The Legal Aid Society's efforts to achieve pay parity with City and State government legal staff. She has been an active and public voice in the movement to ensure impacted communities drive the dialogue and discourse on criminal justice and does not shy away from calling out the racial inequities that are oppressing communities in NYC and across the nation.

In addition to her work at LAS, Tina is active in many bar associations and professional organizations that promote our profession. She is a Co-Chair of the American Bar Association Women in Criminal Justice Task Force, President of the Chief Defender Association of New York, a member of the NLADA Defender Council and a Steering Committee member of the National Association for Public Defense.