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Debra Barriger was introduced to dependency law as a Deputy Public Defender in 1995, and has represented parents, children and child welfare agencies in all aspects of juvenile law. Between 2002 and 2014, she worked as a Senior Deputy County Counsel in San Diego and Shasta Counties. In 2014, Debra seized an opportunity to move to the Central Coast of California and join the County Counsel's Office in San Luis Obispo County, where she currently practices juvenile dependency law, and represents the Department of Social Services in an advisory capacity as well.

Debra has presented at Child Welfare Study Section conferences, Beyond the Bench, and at various Judicial Council and M.S.W. Title 4E programs. She is currently the Program Chair of the Mentor Committee for the Child Welfare Study Section. As a member of a statewide team working on privacy issues, Debra received a County Counsel Association Recognition Award in 2013. For her work in juvenile law Debra was awarded the L. Michael Clark Civility and Professionalism Award in 2017.

In her free time, Debra enjoys being outdoors with her family and Aussie, travelling and spending time on or in the ocean.