



**FY2010 RECOMMENDATION/FY10-D51 MINORITY OVER-REPRESENTATION  
ADDRESSED DURING DRUG PROSECUTIONS**

**Status:** Implementation Unknown

**Actions/Updates**

**2012 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION**

Although individual district attorney offices are responsible for the implementation of this recommendation it is unrealistic for the Commission to track the activities of individual judicial districts.

**Description**

Those prosecuting drug-involved defendants must proactively address minority over-representation.

**Agencies Responsible**

Individual district attorney offices

**Discussion**

*Those involved in the prosecution of drug-involved defendants (e.g., policy makers, administrators, supervising officers, and other criminal justice system professionals) must proactively address minority over-representation in drug offenses. This should include, among other efforts, careful consideration of the following practices:*

- a) Frequent law enforcement patrols in specific neighborhoods,*
- b) Use of pleas for drug possession defendants that may avoid a felony record, and*
- c) Cultural competency of those delivering substance abuse treatment.*