

RACIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS

RESOURCES COMPILED BY NLADA FOR ITS RACE EQUITY ADVOCACY NETWORK

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Resources on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for Public Defender Offices:

[NLADA's Racial Justice Action Plan](#) released in 2018 commits NLADA and its members to: (1) speak with clarity about poverty and racial equity; (2) improve our internal governance to reflect the racial equity we seek to secure in our communities; and (3) support a purpose-driven practice that employs strategic advocacy to advance racial justice in our communities.

[NLADA's Fight Against Implicit Bias and Racial Inequality \(FAIR\) Pledge](#), developed by our Client Policy Group. The FAIR Pledge calls upon every equal justice advocate and organization to confront implicit bias, improve capacity to effectively serve clients and positively advance racial justice.

[NLADA's Diversity & Inclusion Sections](#): Click for information on the Latino Advocates (Civil and Defender), Native American Law (Civil and Defender), African American Project Directors Association, and [Black Public Defender Association](#).

W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Summit has a series of guides that you can develop for your office and work on different topics, including the law, changing the narrative, racial healing, and separation. Register for free on the website to download and develop guides:

<http://www.racialequityresourceguide.org/TRHTSummit>

Research and Reports on Racial Justice for Public Defenders:

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Othering & Belonging Institute, [The 2020 uprisings and the Kerner report: Measures to address racial inequality](#) (Rerelease of *The Road Not Taken Report*) (June 9, 2020).

Keisha Moore, NAACP LDF Thurgood Marshall Institute, [Structural Racism Is a Public Health Crisis: Addressing Racial Disparities in COVID-19](#) (May 2020).

NACDL, [Racial Disparity Webpage](#)

- NACDL, [Racial Disparity and Public Defense Webpage](#)
- NACDL, The Champion, Nazgol Ghandnoosh, [How Defense Attorneys Can Eliminate Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice](#) (2018).
- NACDL, The Champion: [Reducing Racial Disparities](#) (June 2013)

Federal Defender Fact Sheet, [U.S. Sentencing Commission Report Suggesting that Increased Judicial Discretion Leads to Greater Racial Disparity is Based on a Flawed Analysis and is Being Misused to Support Calls for a Mandatory Sentencing System that Would Increase Racial Injustice](#) (Jan. 2018).

APA, Brennan Center, Foundation for Criminal Justice, NACDL, Center for Leadership on Urban Solutions, NY County Lawyers Association, [Criminal Justice in the 21st Century: Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Criminal Justice System](#) (2013).

The Sentencing Project, [Reducing Racial disparity in the criminal Justice System A Manual for Practitioners and Policymakers](#) (2008).

Marc Mauer, [Racial Impact Statements as a Means of Reducing Unwarranted Sentencing Disparities](#), 5 OHIO STATE J. CRM L. 19 (2007).