



## POLICY REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GRAND JURY

The intent of this policy is to ensure equal treatment in every criminal case handled by the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. The prior policy allowed prosecutors in the majority of criminal cases to make recommendations to grand juries of whether or not they should vote to indict or not indict, while not making any recommendations in officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths cases.

The new policy now mandates prosecutors presenting cases to grand juries not make recommendations of whether to indict or no-bill cases. This revised policy requires that the facts and evidence will speak for themselves no matter the type of case, and ensures consistent handling of each case presented to the grand jury by this office.

A Texas grand jury is composed of twelve citizens randomly selected by a district court judge and summoned in the same manner as panels for the trial of civil cases in the district courts. Nine of twelve votes are required to indict a case.