**Chapter 12 Objectives:**

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

* Discuss how pretrial processes maintain potential biases against Underrepresented groups;
* Identify potential biases working against minorities with regard to the manner in which prospective jurors are identified and the manner in which jurors are ultimately selected;
* Discuss the steps of a trial, including areas where the prosecution may have an unfair advantage;
* Identify how sentencing practices and sentencing structures have contributed to the overrepresentation of minorities in prison;
* Explain why we need diversity among the courtroom personnel and identify whether race influences judicial practices.