



## **Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia**

**Policies & Procedures**

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**General Counsel**

**Mission**

The Office of General Counsel serves as the in-house counsel for the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia and assists prosecuting attorneys in this State with the drafting of legislation. Upon request, the Office provides guidance to prosecuting attorneys on matters relating to professional responsibility under the rules of ethics adopted by the Supreme Court of Georgia.





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**Legislative Relations**

1. Drafting of Legislation.

- A The Council staff may draft legislation at the request of a District Attorney, Solicitor-General, a member of the General Assembly. The staff may, with the approval of the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, assist other agencies in the drafting of legislation. A copy of any legislation drafted by the staff will be provided to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Council.
- B Any legislation drafted by the staff of the Council which affects the office of District Attorney, Solicitor-General, or the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council must be submitted to the Council prior to being submitted to any legislator, the Office of Legislative Counsel or any organization other than the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council. Any such legislation must be approved by a simple majority of the Council.

2. Lobbying.

No member of the staff of the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council shall be permitted to lobby the legislature for the passage or defeat of any legislation. This shall not be construed to prohibit a member of the staff from appearing upon request of a legislator before any committee or participating in the budget hearings.

