



## Ethics: A List of Considerations 2022

### **Mission of the Office**

- Ethics should be part of the mission of the office
- The chief prosecutor should distribute the mission statement to the staff
- The office can distribute an Ethics Guide, such as The Right Thing, to the staff

### **Training**

- Ethics training should be a regular part of training, whether in person or remotely
- An office can adopt the Case Review Questions as a guide for identifying ethical problems in a case

### **Ethics Process**

- The office should create an ethics process that clarifies who should be notified of ethical issues and how they are resolved. These issues can include:
  - Complaints about staff from persons outside the office
  - Ethical issues about staff observed by staff
  - Ethical issues raised in appeals, post-judgement motions and other litigation
- Where possible, the office should designate an Ethics Officer who can provide guidance on ethical questions that arise in criminal cases

### **Social Media Policy**

- The office should develop a social media policy for the staff

### **Police Impeachment**

- The office should develop a process for evaluating and collecting Brady/Giglio material regarding police officers and other recurring witnesses

### **Evaluation of Staff**

- Ethics should be part of the evaluation process for staff

### **Representation**

- The office should determine who can represent a staff person charged with an ethical violation.