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#### Abstract

The prosecutor occupies a very crucial and important position in every criminal Justice system. Either accusatorial, inquisitorial, mixed or whatever other name or structure the criminal system has, harmonious co-operation with the police is a prerequisite for the successful operation of the prosecuting authority. But in practice this co-operation often causes problems and difficulties, for which not only the structure of the system, but also human nature and the character of the individual are accountable.

In the mixed Greek Criminal justice system, which is influenced by the principle of legality the police in theory, but not always in practice, report all the offences to the Public Prosecutor, who has the exclusive right to commence criminal proceedings. In practice, there are no important problems overshadowing their co-operation and it can be said that a mutual trust does exist during the performance of their duties. It is a great disadvantage of the Greek police that the political parties in power intervene in police administration, attempting to appoint their supporters to «key positions», and as a consequence badly shaking the public trust in the efficiency of the police.

In the English and Welsh accusatorial criminal system on the other hand, the new prosecuting arrangements which were introduced by the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, have generated problems in the relationships between the police and the CPS. Not all members of the police have welcomed the creation of the new service, as they have seen their powers in the prosecution process eliminated. Particularly, the CPS's powers to discontinue proceedings has been seen by the police with some resentment. So, during the first four years of the CPS operation the relationships were not very good. Although in a few areas, relationships still remain strained (but not in a state of feud), a considerable improvement has been made in the majority of areas to such an extent that, today, relationships can be considered generally good and in some cases excellent.

But as the difficulties are not going to go away by themselves, a greater effort must be made from both sides towards closer co-operation, based on a positive and harmonious relationship.

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