



CDPP

*Australia's Federal Prosecution Service*

National Legal Directions



## Conflicts of Interest

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From time to time the CDPP may be referred a matter for prosecution that involves a defendant with whom the lawyers in a region have had an association, for example legal practitioners or staff of referring agencies.

In many circumstances it may be possible for the prosecution to be conducted in the region without any inference that it is improper or a conflict of interest exists.

However, where there is a doubt regarding a perceived conflict or a Branch Head is uncomfortable about prosecuting an individual with whom there is a previous association, then the matter may be referred to the Practice Group Leader who may decide that the prosecution will be conducted by a Branch in another region that conducts work of the Practice Group. If the Branch in the other region sits within a different Practice Group then the Practice Group Leader will consult with the other Practice Group Leader and if necessary the DCU.