Ethics: A List of Considerations
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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:
  o Complaints about staff from persons outside the office
  o Ethical issues about staff observed by staff
  o 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.