

## Organisation of the Prosecution (taken from the prosecution's website)

The tasks and the organisation of the Prosecution Service are described in Part 10 (sections 95-107) of the Danish Administration of Justice Act.

It is the task of the Prosecution Service in co-operation with the police to prosecute crimes in pursuance of the rules of the Danish Administration of Justice Act. The overall objectives of this task are described in Section 96(2) of the Danish Administration of Justice Act.

This provision states that the Prosecution Service shall proceed with every case at the speed permitted by the nature of the case. In this connection the Prosecution Service shall ensure that those liable to punishment are prosecuted and the innocent are not prosecuted ("the principle of objectivity").

The Prosecution Service is governed by the Minister of Justice who supervises the public prosecutors. The Prosecution Service is composed of the Director of Public Prosecutions, The Public Prosecutors and the Chiefs of Police.

The Director of Public Prosecutions (Prosecutor General) conducts criminal cases before the Supreme Court and, in addition, takes part in hearing cases put before the Criminal Cases Review Commission. The Director of Public Prosecutions is superior to the other prosecutors and supervises their work, and the Director of Public Prosecutions processes complaints of decisions made by the Public Prosecutors in the 1st instance.

Six Regional Public Prosecutors conduct criminal cases – appeal cases and jury cases – before the high courts and supervise the Chiefs of Police's handling of criminal cases. Furthermore, the Regional Public Prosecutors process complaints against decisions made by the Chiefs of Police regarding prosecution. Finally, the Public Prosecutors deal with cases of compensation with regard to criminal prosecution, and complaints against the police.

The Public Prosecutor for Serious Economic Crime is – nationwide – responsible for prosecuting major financial crime.

The Chief Prosecutor for Serious International Crime is – nationwide – responsible for prosecuting international criminal cases committed abroad including cases concerning genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

The Chiefs of Police act as prosecutors before the city courts (1st instance) and thus – in addition to the management of the police – are responsible for the inquiries and investigations conducted by the police district as well as the operation of the local Prosecution Service.

The Regional Prosecutor for Copenhagen and Bornholm

The Regional Prosecutor for Nordsjælland and Copenhagen Vestegn

The Regional Prosecutor for Midt-, Vest-, and Sydsjælland plus Lolland-Falster

The Regional Prosecutor for Nord and Østjylland

The Regional Prosecutor for Midt-, Vest- and Sydøstjylland

The Regional Prosecutor for Fyn, Syd- and Sønderjylland

The Public Prosecutor for Serious Economic Crime

The Public Prosecutor for Serious International Crime