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**Subject:** RE: Web Contact Form: duties & responsibilities of a District Attorney clarification

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**From:** Public Information (Public.Information@oag.texas.gov)

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**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Date:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 12:43 PM

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Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent email. We appreciate your contacting the Office of the Attorney General of Texas.

Please understand the role of this office is to advise and represent state entities and interests as specified in the Texas Government Code. Please also understand the questions you are asking require legal analysis that our office is prohibited by law to provide to private individuals. However, I hope the following information is helpful.

In Texas, the county or district attorney has primary jurisdiction to pursue alleged criminal violations of the law. They are granted extensive discretion in determining which cases will be prosecuted and whether or not those cases will proceed before a grand jury. For additional information on the duties of prosecutors, you may wish to contact the Texas State Law Library (SLL) which serves the legal research needs of the Texas Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, and state entities as well as the citizens of the state. For assistance with legal research, you may contact the SLL as follows:

Texas State Law Library  
P.O. Box 12367  
Austin, TX 78711  
(512) 463-1722  
[www.sll.texas.gov/about-us/public-services](http://www.sll.texas.gov/about-us/public-services)

Any allegations of criminal activity should, of course, initially be reported to local law enforcement.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Andreea Flores

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Office of the Attorney General of Texas

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