



**Manitoba  
Department of Justice  
Public Prosecutions**

**Guideline No. 6:OBL:1**

**Policy Directive**

**Subject: *Obligation to Report  
to Professional Associations***

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**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Where a Crown Attorney is charged with any criminal offence, the Deputy Attorney General shall be notified in accordance with the policy on this subject.

It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Deputy Attorney General to notify the Law Society of Manitoba, in writing, of such charges being laid.

Further, it shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Deputy Attorney General to notify any professional agency, of any criminal charge laid against one of its members, where the subject of the criminal charge involves a matter of significant public protection, and which in particular, may involve the welfare of vulnerable groups.

**RATIONALE:**

Law prescribes the minimum standard of conduct. Ethics, which are generally the responsibility of professional associations, govern conduct of members to a much high standard. Associations are unable to exercise their ethical or professional sanctions unless they know of alleged criminal conduct, and are unable to track it adequately.