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**6/70 C      District attorney defending criminal,  
traffic cases is improper**

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A part-time district attorney may not represent a defendant in criminal or traffic cases brought by the state or county in an adjacent jurisdiction. In Opinion 12-1965, this committee held that a district attorney represents the county and state at all times. Such representation would involve this official in a conflict of interest, contrary to Canon 5 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. (6/11/70)