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The research on “The Role of a Civil Servant as a Competent Official in Narcotics Law Enforcement: A Case Study on The Office of Narcotics Control Board” is aimed at studying roles and authorities of the ONCB officials. It also attempts to identify problems and obstacles in the law enforcement. This research has collected data partly from the interviews of 10 current and former ONCB executives, who have experience of ONCB’ s work in law enforcement under the Narcotics Control Act, B.e.2519. The Narcotics Control Act has given authorities to civil servants, namely the ONCB officials, to enforce the narcotics laws and has established ONCB to be a central office for drug-problem solving, under the supervision and policy control of the Narcotics Control Board.

The research finds that being civil servant is not an obstacle to carry out and enforce the laws. Although at present the ONCB Officials has switched its role, because of ONCB personnel limitations and the unclear role of ONCB, to be focusing more on coordination, management, and financial support for relevant agencies in solving drug problems, the role of ONCB Officials as the narcotics law enforcement officers remains equally important to lead other relevant law enforcement agencies for suppressing drug problem in the same way.

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