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The juridicial process in Thailand is based on the public prosecution process. The office of the attorney general is the establishment which plays a crucial role in the Thai juridicial process. Unlike common practice in other countries where public attorney are in charge of interrogation, complaint, as well as execution. The duty of the Thai public attorney is limited to complaint and proceeding case in court. As the interrogation is not under the public attorney jurisdiction, therefore the authority of the Thai attorney general is comparatively limited. There is one exception, however, in particular where an offence, which is punishable by the Thai criminal procedure code, takes place outside the country. The responsibility of the public attorney extends to the interrogation too. The Thai juridicial system considers such an offence as a vital one as any mistake made during the juridicial process may have an undesirable repercussion, especially to the national economic and the inter-relation between the two countries involved. The Thai juridicial system therefore grants the authority to the attorney general. However, no particular legal precision has clearly defined the juridicial power of the attorney general in this matter. The lack of the clarification prevents the attorney general from performing his duty to the best of his ability. In practice, the attorney general always has to delegate the interrogation task to the department of interior affair. This practice should not have happened.

This thesis attempts to clarify the problem in the process mentioned above by comparing duty in criminal procedural of the attorney general among several countries. The discussion focusses on the interrogative power of the attorney general regarding to the extraterritorial offences. It suggests some solutions and argues for the need to rectify criminal procedural code.

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