The objectives of the study are to obtain the attitudes of the police, the public prossecutors and the private lawyers towards the participation of private lawyers in criminal investigation, including the problems and obstacles, and the appropriate processes in which

the private lawyers participate in criminal cases. The samples are

185 cases consisted of the investigators of the metropolitan police

Department, the public prosecutors and, the private lawyers in the

1. The private lawyers are statistically significantly more

Metropolitan area. The data are gathered through questionnaires.

agreeable to the participation of private lawyers in the entire

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The results of the study are summarized as follows:

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- 2. The police significantly have disagreement on the participation of private lawyers in the entire process of criminal investigation more than other groups of samples.
- 3. The private lawyers are more agreeable to the principle of the participation of private lawyers in criminal investigation than the other groups statistically significantly, and, the public prosecutors have the most agreement on the participation of the accused's relatives.
- 4. The private lawyers agree the most, among all groups, to the principles of the regislation, of the participation of private lawyers in criminal investigation, in the laws of Thailand, for every criminal case assigned to the imprisonment 3 years and over.
- 5. The police have the most agreement on that, the participation of private lawyers in criminal investigation would result in the red-tape of investigation and disadventage, and, that the lawyers usually suggest the refusal for the accused despite the accused actually committed the crimes.
- 6. The public prosecutors agree to the participation of the administrative agents in criminal investigation in case of the absence of the private lawyers, more than the other groups.