

Public Prosecutor's Office for Crimes Against Journalists and Labor Union Members

The Guatemalan Attorney General's Office in June 2001 established the Public Prosecutor's Office for Crimes Against Journalists and Labor Union Members with the aim of investigating, legally prosecuting and preventing threats, violent attacks and murders committed against members of the two groups. Its office is located in the Guatemalan capital but its jurisdiction is nationwide.

The government established this Public Prosecutor's Office as an outcome of the negotiations with the IAPA on the case of disappeared journalist Irma Flaquer, in which the Guatemalan government accepted "international responsibility" in 2000 and agreed to make a series of reparations stipulated by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

As of January 2008 the chief prosecutor in this office is Mario Castañeda and he has three assistant prosecutors to investigate complaints, plus a secretary.