

OFFICE OF THE KANKAKEE COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY

Policies & Practices of the CIU Case Review Panel

The Case Review Panel is comprised of volunteers not employed by the Kankakee County State's Attorney's Office.

The Case Review Panel (CRP) was implemented as an effort to address the issue of wrongful convictions. CRP members will be apprised of a case in the form of an internal report from the CIU after a full investigation by the CIU Unit Director and/or investigator into the claim of innocence and all case files. The CRP will have access to the file and all investigative material used by the CIU and State's Attorney's office.

The Case Review Panel:

- 1. Will review the CIU report.
- 2. Will review the file/record.
- 3. Will make recommendations on course of action.
- 4. Will reduce recommendation to writing, to be included in CIU review file.

The CRP is an advisory panel only. Panel members are appointed by the Kankakee County State's Attorney and the CIU Director. Panel members serve subject to the on-going approval by the Kankakee County State's Attorney. A Panel member can be removed and replaced at any time, with or without cause. Panel members must sign a confidentiality agreement.

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