

**KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Ethics Opinion KBA E-152**  
Issued: July 1976

**Question:** May a lawyer serve as city attorney while his partner represents the planning and zoning commission for the county in which the city is located?

**Answer:** Qualified yes.

**OPINION**

This general question presents no discernible ethics issue. The interests of a county planning and zoning commission and a city located in the county are not inherently adverse. They may become so in a particular case, in which event our answer may be different.

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***Note to Reader***

*This ethics opinion has been formally adopted by the Board of Governors of the Kentucky Bar Association under the provisions of Kentucky Supreme Court Rule 3.530 (or its predecessor rule). Note that the Rule provides: "Both informal and formal opinions shall be advisory only; however, no attorney shall be disciplined for any professional act on his part performed in compliance with an opinion furnished to him on his petition, provided his petition clearly, fairly, accurately and completely states his contemplated professional act."*