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.

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). The Rule provides that formal opinions are advisory only.