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January 19, 1970

Honorable Walter W. Cameron  
Council Chamber  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Councillor Cameron:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 15 requesting an opinion as to whether there is a conflict of interest between the offices of County Commissioner and member of the Municipal Valuation Appeals Board.

I can find no constitutional conflict as both positions would appear to be within the Executive Department of state government.

There is no definite statutory conflict. In other words, there is no statute that says that a County Commissioner may not be a member of the named board. There is the provision of 30 M.R.S.A. § 51, which provides that a County Commissioner may not be an assessor. I do not feel that this creates a conflict, however, with the Municipal Valuation Appeals Board.

I can find no common law conflict of interest. It does not appear that the functions of the two offices are inconsistent and, therefore, incompatible. It, therefore, appears that a County Commissioner may be a member of the Municipal Valuation Appeals Board.

Very truly yours,

George C. West  
Deputy Attorney General

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