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*Answering letter to you  
City Council Register of Deeds*

January 9, 1978

Edward I. Bernstein, Esquire  
58 Payson Street  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

This responds to your request for advice as to whether there is any inherent conflict of interest between the positions of member of the Portland City Council and the Register of Deeds of Cumberland County. We have reviewed the laws relating to those positions, and, based on that review, we find no conflict of interest between the two positions.

We would note that, as is the case in any public position, there may occasionally be fact situations which may develop which the responsibilities of the two positions might create a conflict. Such circumstances would have to be handled on a case-by-case basis. Further, we would emphasize that where one position involves a city office and one involves a county office, such circumstantial conflicts should be very rare.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH E. BRENNAN  
Attorney General

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