



Advisory Opinion 88-2

The College Park Ethics Commission has been asked for an advisory opinion as to whether or not a conflict of interest exists for a member of the College Park Cable Television Commission who is employed as a systems manager with the Washington Post, which has cable holdings none of which are in this geographical area.

The employee, in fact, has a position at the Post in a field of endeavor unrelated to its cable television operation.

If the employee's field of endeavor subsequently changes to cable television or if the Post seeks cable holdings in this geographical area, the employee should notify the College Park Cable Commission at that time and then decline to participate in any matter that involves the Cable Television Commission and the Washington Post.

Based on the foregoing, it is the opinion of the College Park Ethics Commission that there is no apparent conflict of interest in the employment of an individual by a conglomerate which includes cable television ownership among its holdings and the individual's service on the College Park Cable Commission.

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