

Law Student Probe Urged By ABA Chief

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The new president of the American Bar Association suggested yesterday that potential law students be subjected to thorough investigations before being admitted to law schools in an effort to weed out "bad apples."

Leon Jaworski of Houston, who was elected head of the ABA yesterday, made the suggestion at a news conference during which he was asked about remarks made earlier by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger concerning the disciplining of lawyers.

Jaworski said the possibility of making an investigation of a student prior to admission to law school was one area in which "some tightening may be needed."

He said his home state of Texas had a system where a law school applicant must have three letters attesting to his character submitted before admission to a law school but he said he felt the procedure was "perfunctory."

"We may need to be a little more careful about who we let study the law," Jaworski said.

He said, however, he was suggesting a "careful" examination and that if it was not careful it could be worse than no system. He also said he would not exclude a youth from law school who had gotten in trouble for a minor law violation such as possession of marijuana.

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