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Censure for Kleindienst Is Ordered

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The Arizona Supreme Court has ordered former U.S. Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst censured for a misdemeanor committed in Washington.

Kleindienst, former Phoenix lawyer and unsuccessful Republican Arizona gubernatorial candidate in 1964, pleaded guilty June 7 before the U.S. District Court in Washington to a single misdemeanor count of withholding information from a Senate investigating committee. He was fined \$100 and given 30 days probation.

The Arizona Supreme Court ordered the censure yesterday on the recommendation of the 15-member board of governors of the State Bar of Arizona.

The board's official recommendation said Kleindienst gave "inaccurate, evasive or incomplete answers" to several questions about the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. antitrust case put to him by the Senate Judiciary Committee in hearings to confirm his appointment as U.S. attorney general.

The board said Kleindienst's evasiveness was sufficient to find him guilty of violating a State Bar rule prohibiting a member from engaging in conduct "that adversely reflects on his fitness to practice law."