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Virginia Court Asked Not to Disbar Colson

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Attorneys for former special White House counsel Charles W. Colson pleaded yesterday with the Virginia Supreme Court not to disbar him because of his conviction in the Daniel Ellsberg case.

Colson, now serving a one-to-three-year sentence in a federal prison for his guilty plea to obstructing justice in the Ellsberg case, did not appear in court. Boston attorney Arthur Mason read a statement on his behalf.

The Virginia state bar is seeking to revoke Colson's license to practice law in Virginia because of his conviction.

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