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Bay State Blocks Colson

From Practice for 4 Years

BOSTON, Nov. 5 (AP)—Charles W. Colson, Watergate conspirator, cannot practice law in Massachusetts for at least four years, the state Supreme Court said.

The court stopped short of disbarring the 43-year-old lawyer and gave the one-time special counsel to former President Richard M. Nixon permission to apply for restoration of his right to practice in July 1979.

"There has been an apparent change in the character and attitude of Mr. Colson from the days when he manifested an overbearing self-confidence, an indifference to ethical considerations and an unquestioning dedication to the wishes of the man for whom he served as special counsel," said Justice Herbert P. Wilkins in the decision written Tuesday.