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But later Gossett said he was under the impression his remarks to News staff reporter Doug Bradford were off-the-record. He said the ABA board would have to vote as a group on the matter. Gossett pointed out that lawyers of diverse backgrounds and opinions are members of the ABA and unanimous agreement would probably be impossible.

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"I'm sure that attorneys there question whether the indictment was properly founded. My personal opinion is that they will be compelled to investigate," Gossett said.

Gossett said trials such as Shaw's "tend to create doubt about our judicial process . . . our system of jurisprudence."

"I don't know what led Garrison to act in the Shaw case," Gossett commented. He may have had unreliable information.

"Certainly his principal witness seemed to be wholly unreliable," said Gossett referring to Perry Russo.

The ABA head said Shaw could sue for damages: "He has had to pay attorney fees, he has lost two years of his life preparing for his trial . . . he has had to endure the anxiety."

He said Garrison could be disbarred only if the action against Shaw could be shown to be deliberately malicious. "You can't disbar an attorney for incompetence," Gossett said. "So it is very hard to prove anything in a disbarment proceeding."

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