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## **Mitchell Asks Hearing on Disbarment**

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Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell asked the Supreme Court yesterday not to act on his disbarment until final action is taken on his appeals from his Watergate conviction.

The court suspended Mitchell March 31 and gave him 40 days to say why he should not be disbarred.

In an 11-page memorandum, Mitchell said, "It seems certain" that the court's March order was based on the jury's verdict finding him guilty of perjury, false swearing and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

He said depriving him of his livelihood without an entirely independent hearing in the high court violates his right to "due process of law" if the action is taken before his case clears appellate court.

Mitchell said he was convicted partly on the strength of taped conversations by persons expressing opinions about him who would not have been allowed to do so in person on the witness stand.

Supreme Court sources said Mitchell's suspension did not stem from the jury verdict but from a routine notice from the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia that he had been suspended there.

Many state and federal courts forward such notices to the Supreme Court, which usually then issues a suspension order preliminary to disbarment. Disbarment is voted on by the justices.