

Notes on People by David Bird

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A legal strategist in former President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign who had been convicted of conspiracy in the Watergate cover-up has been cleared and is free to practice law again in California. Robert C. Mardian was suspended from practicing law in February 1975, one month after his Watergate conviction. But last month the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reversed his conviction because of, among other things, his relatively minor role in the cover-up. At the same time the appeals court affirmed the convictions of three other Watergate figures—H. R. Halderman, John D. Ehrlichman and John N. Mitchell. In light of the appeals court decision, the California Supreme Court acted this week to restore Mr. Mardian's right to practice law.