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Judge Disqualifies Himself
In Libel Suit by Chotiner

CONCORD, N. H., July 9 (AP) — Federal District Judge Bownes has disqualified himself from hearing further arguments in a \$3-million libel suit filed by Murray Chotiner, a former Presidential aide, against The Manchester Union Leader and Arthur Egan, a reporter.

Judge Bownes disqualified himself during the weekend after the publisher, William Loeb, submitted a 13-page affidavit and more than 50 pages of exhibits containing editorials from the newspaper in the last 10 years that were critical of Judge Bownes.

Mr. Chotiner sued after the publication of two articles saying he was linked to the Watergate bugging. He denied any involvement.

Since Judge Bownes is the only Federal one in the state, a judge from outside New Hampshire will be appointed to hear the case.