

Dean Can't Be Lawyer In Capital

Washington

John W. Dean III, former counsel to President Nixon, was suspended from practicing law in Washington, D.C., yesterday by a three-judge federal court panel.

The panel issued the order on the basis of Dean's guilty plea last month to a charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Watergate cover-up.

A court clerk said that such a suspension is routine in cases where a lawyer has been convicted of a felony crime, and is the first step in disbarment procedures.

Dean pleaded guilty October 19 to a single count of conspiracy as part of a bargain with then-special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox. Dean promised to be a witness for the prosecution in exchange for Cox's promise not to bring any more charges against him.

Dean is subject to a prison sentence of five years and a fine of \$10,000 but U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica delayed sentencing until Dean upholds his end of the bargain.

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