Vixon Aide John sbarred Over Watergate

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A three-judge Virginia Circuit Court panel yesterday found former White House counsel John W. Dean III guilty of "unethical, unprofessional and unwarranted conduct" during the Watergate affair and revoked his license to practice law in Virginia.

Dean, who did not speak throughout the Alexandria court proceeding, had no comment on the action, which is The panel had three options suspended indefinitely. - reprimand, suspension and

Dean has never practiced law in the state. Commonwealth forth to both the public and that the allegation had been tor Leon Jaworski was quoted n Attorney William L. Cowhig this Court . . . that will be proven. e said that the Court's action largely mitigating in nature so

any other state.

license to practice law in the the Virginia State Bar in its whether the ruling would be Mains Jr., said he did not believe Dean has passed bar examinations in any other state.

The three judges - Franklin P. Backus, W. Moscoe Huntley and W. Carrington their unanimous verdict. In holding evidence during develdoing so, they rejected a lesser penalty suggested by case against those accused of perial Presidency." the same thing as disbarment. Mains, that Dean's license be the Watergate break-in on

"It is our feeling that the ost stringent of the three. Chapters have not been writh the appropriated for his own The disbarment is effective ten on Watergate," Mains told personal use \$4,850 out of \$15,only in Virginia, although the Court. "There is substan- 200 entrusted to his care. tial information yet to come would not prohibit Dean from far as John Dean is contaking the bar examination in cerned."

District. Yesterday Dean's complaint asking the panel to appealed. local attorney, Thomas P. rule on disbarment. "We can't seriously contend that (only) a with reporters during a break reprimand is in order; there-fore we do not ask it," Mains "I've been doing said in requesting the suspen-reading lately, rereading old sion.

The complaint, filed Nov. 20, June 17, 1972.

The judges, however, ruled

of Appeals suspended Dean's Eighth District Committee of attorneys declined to say Dean's testimony.

Dean and his wife, Maureen. appeared cheerful and joked

"I've been doing a lot of favorite books," Dean said. "I've just finished rereading noted that Dean agreed he (George) Orwell's '1984,' which Thompson — deliberated less had violated Virginia canons details a dictatorship of the than an hour before returning of ethics for attorneys by with- future. He said he had also read Gore Vidal's "Burr" and opment of the government Arthur Schlesinger's "The Im-

Dean declined to comment. however, on any aspect of the revocation — and chose the full information and the final however, with the allegation cent conflicting views on the he appropriated for his own validity of his committee testimony accusations against President Nixon.

Sunday as saying there was no Their verdict is subject to reason to suspect Dean had appeal to the governor of Vir- lied, while White House speginia or to the state Supreme cial counsel James D. St. Clair Dean earlier agreed to most Court of Appeals, which could has held that presidential tape On Nov. 12, the D.C. Court of the charges made by the reinstate Dean anytime. His recordings "do not support"



DISBARRED—John W. Dean III and his wife, Maureen, walk home from Alexandria courthouse after he was prohibited

By James K. W. Atherton—The Washington Post from practicing law in Virginia. Judges found Dean guilty of unethical conduct during Watergate affair. Story, Page D1.