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LAWYERS IN SCANDAL CITED BY BAR GROUP

NEWARK, April 3 (AP)—The president of the American Bar Association says that the group has forwarded to state bar groups on ethics the names of 115 lawyers involved in the Watergate affair.

Chesterfield H. Smith, the national president, told newsmen yesterday that the names had been compiled from information provided to members of the Senate Watergate committee and the special Watergate prosecutor, Leon Jaworski.

Mr. Smith said that the names included all lawyers involved in the case, including attorneys for defendants. He said that the bar association had made no recommendations about possible disciplinary action against anyone on the list.

"The A.B.A. has no power to bring proceedings against unethical lawyers," Mr. Smith said. "That doesn't mean we can't use our influence with the state bar associations, which do."

Mr. Smith also said that he did not favor disbarment proceedings against a President while in office. Such a move

was considered recently by an ethics group in California, where President Nixon is a member of the bar, but it was not carried out.