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Martha's Lawyer Says John 'Hiding'

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Charging that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell has "gone into hiding" to avoid being served with papers in his wife's separate maintenance action, Martha Mitchell's attorneys say they will go into court early next week for permission to serve Mitchell "by publication."

A source close to Richard Creditor, a New York associate of San Francisco attorney Melvin Belli, said Mrs. Mitchell attorneys will also seek to sequester any of Mitchell's New York property, "which really means the financial interest he has in his old law firm, which is considerable."

Mitchell had been a partner in the Wall Street firm of Mudge; Rose, Guthrie and Alexander, but removed himself from active participatoin following his indictment for conspiracy in the Robert Vesco case, Mitchell and Maurice Stans, former commerce seCretary, were found not guilty by a federal jury in New York last month.

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