

Kalmbach Suspended From Practice

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SACRAMENTO, July 3—
Herbert W. Kalmbach, once President Nixon's personal lawyer and a major GOP fundraiser, was suspended today

from the practice of law by the California Supreme Court.

This week Kalmbach began a federal prison sentence of 6 to 18 months after pleading guilty to illegal fund-raising activities. He surrendered to U.S. marshals Monday at an undisclosed location in the Washington, D.C., area to begin serving his sentence.

The California Bar Association is expected to send the court a recommendation on whether Kalmbach should be disbarred within a few weeks.

A bar association source said he believes that "in the vast majority of serious crimes such as this, disbarment normally results." But he added, "There are exceptions depending on extenuating circumstances."

Kalmbach pleaded guilty in February to accepting contributions and making expenditures for an election committee in 1972 before the chairman and treasurer had been appointed, a violation of federal law.

Anthony Ulasewicz, a political operative for the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, testified at the Watergate hearings that he had received large amounts of

cash from Kalmbach and had delivered \$219,000 in secret to Watergate conspirators G. Gordon Liddy Jr. and E. Howard Hunt Jr., among others.

Kalmbach also pleaded guilty to promising an appointment of an ambassadorship to Maryland Republican J. Fife Symington as consideration for a \$100,000 political contribution.

The California high court ruled that promising an ambassadorship in consideration

for a political contribution involves moral turpitude and ordered his suspension on that basis, a court spokesman said today.

In February, Kalmbach resigned from the law firm of Kalmbach, De Marco, Knapp and Chillingworth, which he and Orange County, Calif., commu- had helped to found in the nity of Newport Beach. He was admitted to law practice in California in 1952.

He is one of six California lawyers, including President Nixon, whose cases are being studied by the state bar for possible disciplinary action.