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Colson Gets Suspension In Mass.

BOSTON, July 18 (AP) — Former presidential aide Charles W. Colson was suspended today by the state Supreme Judicial Court from practicing law in Massachusetts.

However, Justice Benjamin Kaplan said Colson could appeal the suspension at any time.

Colson is serving a 1- to 3-year sentence in federal prison after pleading guilty to a charge of obstructing justice in connection with the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

The Massachusetts Bar Association asked last week that Colson be disbarred. Colson, a Boston native, earned his original license to practice law in Massachusetts.

Colson's former law partner, Charles H. Morin, had asked the court to hold a hearing before deciding the issue so that Colson could appear "under oath to present the truth in the Ellsberg matter for the first time in any court in the United States."

Colson already has been disbarred in Washington, D.C., where he was convicted.