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Refresher

Editor — Charles McCabe stated in his November 11 column that lawyers "have not as yet contributed their collective wisdom as to whether this man (Richard Nixon) should be disbarred in New York and California."

Please let me refresh McCabe's memory. The fact is that Mr. Nixon resigned from practice in California in 1974 in the face of a full scale disciplinary investigation by the State Bar of California which could have led to his disbarment. The circumstances were recorded in an article by Michael Taylor published in The Chronicle September 18, 1974.

The Bar's Board of Governors refused to recommend to the California Supreme Court that Nixon be permitted to resign until he acknowledged in writing that disciplinary proceedings would be reinstituted should he ever apply for reinstatement. On September 25, 1974, the Supreme Court issued an order accepting his resignation "without prejudice to further proceedings in any disciplinary matter pending against him before the State Bar should he again seek to become a member thereof."

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