

Segretti Is

Banned From Law Practice

Watergate "dirty trickster" Donald Segretti was ordered suspended from the practice of law for two years yesterday by the California Supreme Court.

The court also placed the 34-year-old lawyer on probation for five years and said he must pass a "Professional Responsibility Examination" before he can resume law practice.

In a 21-page ruling, the Supreme Court pointed out that Segretti had been engaged in the preparation and distribution of letters falsely accusing Senators Hubert Humphrey and Henry Jackson of sexual improprieties.

The court said he had also prepared and distributed news letters making false accusations that Representative Shirley Chisholm (Dem-N.Y.) was suffering from mental illness.

These acts were carried out during Richard Nixon's 1972 presidential campaign.

In 1973, Segretti pleaded guilty to federal violations in connection with these offenses. He was placed on three years probation on condition that he serve six months in prison and was released after serving four months and 20 days.

Since Segretti was released he has made some income on the lecture circuit.

The California Bar Disciplinary Board brought proceedings against him and found that his acts involved moral turpitude but they were unable to agree on the extent of the discipline.

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected Segretti's contention that his acts were only intended as pranks and did not involve moral turpitude.