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Nixon Disbarred

A New York state court officially disbarred Richard Nixon on July 8. It was the first—and will probably be the only—time the former president has been convicted of Watergate charges.

The Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court sustained five charges: obstructing an FBI investigation into the 1972 Watergate break-in; approving undercover payments to convicted burglar E. Howard Hunt; concealing evidence about illegal activities by the Committee to Re-Elect the President; interfering with Daniel Ellsberg's legal defense in 1973; and obstructing an investigation into the break-in of Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office.

Nixon had unsuccessfully tried to resign from the New York Bar several times since his resignation from office. New York law would not allow him to do so unless he admitted his guilt, which Nixon has consistently refused to do. □