

High Court Disbars Watergaters

Washington

Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and ex-White House aide John D. Ehrlichman, both now federal prisoners, were disbarred yesterday by the Supreme Court because of their Watergate cover-up convictions.

The two high-ranking officials of former President Nixon's administration no longer may practice law before the nation's highest court.

Actually, the disbarment was little more than a formality. Mitchell already had lost the right to practice law in New York and Ehrlichman was barred from working as a lawyer in California, where he practiced.

Mitchell, 64, was suspended from the Supreme Court Bar on March 31, 1975. Ehrlichman, 52, was suspended 13 days earlier.

Mitchell, Ehrlichman and former Nixon aide H. R. Haldeman were sentenced to 30 months to eight years in prison for conspiracy, obstruction of justice and giving false testimony under oath in what prosecutors said was an attempt to conceal governmental misconduct in the Watergate scandal.

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