

SFChronicle **Bar OKs Kalmbach**

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Herbert W. Kalmbach Jr., who was suspended from practicing law because of a Watergate-related conviction, has been reinstated by the California Bar Association, the Los Angeles Herald Examiner said yesterday.

The newspaper said that when it contacted Kalmbach at his Newport Beach home, he said, "I have a policy of not giving interviews to the news media." Asked if he was practicing law, the Herald Examiner quoted Kalmbach as saying, "I'm back as an active member of the bar."

The newspaper said Kalmbach became eligible for reinstatement on August 30 after passing the state bar's

professional responsibilities examination.

The California Supreme Court suspended Kalmbach for three years beginning July 3, 1974.

Kalmbach was President Nixon's personal attorney.

At one point, government auditors alleged that Kalmbach paid at least \$210,000, through intermediaries, to Watergate defendants or their lawyers.

Kalmbach pleaded guilty in 1974 to two violations of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act. He was sentenced to six to 18 months in prison and fined \$11,000. He was released from prison in January, 1975, on an order issued by U.S. District Court Judge John Sirica.

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