

Ex-judge's lawyer faces suspension

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board has recommended a 30-day suspension for a lawyer who represented a former federal judge removed by Congress last year

The board claims attorney Claude Lightfoot Jr. advised then-U.S. District Judge Thomas Porteous and his wife to file a bankruptcy petition using a false or fictitious name to prevent the proceedings from being publicly disclosed.

The Louisiana Supreme Court must review the board's recommendation last week to suspend Lightfoot from practicing law for 30 days.

The Times-Picayune reports <http://bit.ly/ol3dN3> that the board agreed with a suggestion of its three-member hearing panel.

The Senate convicted Porteous on four articles of impeachment last December. House prosecutors said gambling and drinking problems led Porteous to begin accepting cash and other favors from attorneys and bail bondsmen with business before his court.



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