

Supreme Court Bar Reinstates Mardian, '72 CREEP Official

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Robert C. Mardian, whose 1975 conviction in the Watergate cover-up conspiracy was overturned last October, was reinstated yesterday as a member of the Supreme Court Bar.

Mardian, a former assistant attorney general in the Nixon administration and an official in 1972 of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, had been suspended from practicing before the nation's highest court since 1975.

Lower courts already have reinstated the 53-year-old Phoenix attorney's right to practice law.

Mardian was convicted in the Watergate cover-up Jan. 1, 1975, and sentenced to 10 months to three years in prison for conspiracy.

Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and John D. Ehrlichman, a top White House aide to President Nixon, were convicted of conspiracy,

obstruction of justice and perjury in the same trial. Each was sentenced to 30 months to eight years.

Last October, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington threw out Mardian's conviction, ruling that his request for a separate trial should have been granted.

The appeals court ruled that the evidence against Mardian was so minor in comparison to that against Mitchell and Ehrlichman that he deserved a separate trial.

Government prosecutors said last month that they do not intend to retry Mardian, thus ending his legal entanglements in the Watergate scandals that forced Nixon out of office.

Ehrlichman and Mitchell, who are appealing their Watergate convictions to the Supreme Court, remain suspended from the high court's bar. Mitchell has been disbarred in New York and Ehrlichman in the state of Washington.