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Alger Hiss (left) was sworn in to practice law again by John Powers, clerk of the Massachusetts Supreme Court

## Hiss Admitted To Bar

Boston

Alger Hiss became an attorney again yesterday, 25 years after he was convicted of perjury in the "Pumpkin Papers" spy case that launched Richard Nixon on the road to the presidency.

The conservatively dressed Hiss, standing at the swearing-in ceremonies with five young men who had just passed their bar exams, took the oath that made him the first disbarred lawyer ever to be readmitted to practice in Massachusetts.

Hiss, 69, was convicted in

January, 1950, on two counts of perjury and spent 44 months in prison. He was disbarred in August, 1952.

"I'm very gratified to again be a member of this bar," Hiss said in a near whisper after leaving the oak-paneled Massachusetts Supreme Court chamber. He did not say if he would actively practice law again.

The Massachusetts Supreme Court Tuesday ruled that Hiss, now a stationery supplies salesman for a New York firm, be allowed to practice law in Massachusetts again.

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