

Court Petition Filed To Disbar Agnew For Tax Evasion

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 12 (UPI)—The Maryland State Bar Association began action today that could lead to the former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's being barred from practicing law anywhere in the United States.

The association filed a petition in the state Court of Appeals requesting a court hearing on disbarment of Mr. Agnew because of his conviction

on a charge of Federal income tax evasion.

The judges of the appeals court were expected to name a three-judge panel within the next two days to conduct the disbarment hearing, according to Court of Appeals Clerk James Norris.

Mr. Norris said the appeals court judges could name any state judge to the panel and would also decide where the panel could meet. He declined to predict how long the proceeding might take.

The state Court of Appeals will have final review of the recommendations of the three-judge panel.

The petition seeking the court hearing was accompanied by the docket entries from the United State District Court

in Baltimore concerning Mr. Agnew's conviction last month on a charge of Federal income tax evasion, and allegations of bribery and extortion. Mr. Agnew resigned the Vice-Presidency last month after pleading no contest to the tax charge. He paid a \$10,000 fine and was placed on probation.

The Board of Governors of the bar association voted last week to file a petition seeking Mr. Agnew's disbarment. It was originally expected that the petition would be filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County where Mr. Agnew lives.

If he is disbarred, he will be ineligible to practice law anywhere in the United States.