

Attorney's Ouster From Bar Lifted

The California Supreme Court lifted the suspension of Robert C. Mardian yesterday, making him eligible to practice law again in California.

Mardian was suspended as a member of the California bar in 1975 after his conviction of conspiracy in the Watergate coverup.

Mardian, a U.S. assistant attorney general under John Mitchell, was convicted of conspiracy in January of 1975.

The prosecution alleged he took part in efforts to get the Watergate burglars out of jail the day they were arrested and that he later was involved in discussions of hush money and in preparation of a false story to be told Watergate investigators.

A month after his conviction he was suspended from the practice of law in California.

Mardian's conviction was reversed by the U.S. Court of Appeals last month.

The appeals court said a combination of his relatively minor role in the coverup and the serious illness of his principal lawyer at the

time should have allowed him to have been tried separately from co-defendants Mitchell, H.R. Halde- man and John Ehrlichman.

The special Watergate prosecu- tor's office has not announced whether or not Mardian will be retried.

Mardian, 52, is a native of Pasadena, but has been living in Phoenix, Ariz., working in his family's construction business.
