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Jury Says Gilliland Not Guilty; Appeal

A Warren County jury on Thursday at around 1 o'clock returned a verdict of not suilty on charges brought by the North Carolina Bar in an action seeking to disbar James) Gilliland, Warrenton attor-

and Jury, composed of eleven men and one woman, returned their verdict in slightly more than five minutes. The Bar Council gave notice of appeal to the North Caro-lina Supreme Court.

McKinnon of Lumberton presiding
All of Monday morning was
consumed with the selection of
a jury and part of the afternoon. When eleven men had
been eslected for jury service,
Clerk of Court Joe N. Ellis
announced that the jury panet
had been exhausted. He was
ordered to have summoned 15
additional jurors. From this
number Mrs. Edna C. Newman
of Norlina was selected as the
12th juror and R. H. Dillard
was selected as a 13 th juror
to be used should for any reason a regular juror should
drop out.

Serving as attorney for the
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court practically all Tuesday and Wednesday, with attorneys talks to the Jury beginning late Wadnesday afternoon. The final address to the jury was made on Thursday morning, and after a charge by Judge McKinnon, the jury rendered its verdict.

Disbarment proceeding sagainst Gilliland were based on two charges. The first of these was that he fraudulently obtained a divorce from A. C. Wortham in the year 1952, and that he bought the assets of the Warrenton Grocery Company through a company of which he was owner while serving as attorney for the receiver.

The Bar Council contended that by virtue of these transactions Gilliland had committed fraud and perjury and that he had violated the law and the canons and ethics of the State Bar.

Evidence as submitted to the jury by the Bar Council

Contempt of court charges were being heard against James D. Gilliland by Judge Henry McKinnon as this paper went to press late Thursday afternoon.

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Action was brought by the Bar Council which charges that Gilliland, a Naval Reserve Officer, accepted a summons for duty with the Navy in order to avoid appearing in the May civil toran of count fee trial after his case had been docketed.
Gilliland denied the charge.

agreement of separation for A. C. Wortham and his wife, Josephine Paul Wortham, on September 23, 1952, and that at that time stated to Gilliand that they had not lived together for 15 months.

In October, 1952, Josephine Paul Wortham, employed Gilliliand to obtain a divorce for her on the grounds of two years separation, but a few weeks later she appeared before Gilliliand and asked that the action be withdrawn on the grounds that she and her husband had not been living separately for two years, and that Gilliliand then stopped the suit for divorce.

A short time thereafter, A. C. Wortham employed Gilliland to bring a divorce action, alleging two years separation, and that as a result of this action Wortham obtained a divorce from Josephine Paul Wortham in Nash County Recorder's Court.

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