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TUESDAY, MAY 23,

Negro Lawyer's Appeal Up Today

The appeal of Arthur A. Madison, New York negro lawyer recently convicted and disbarred on charges of illegal practice, is scheduled to be heard today in Montgomery Circuit Court.

Madison was convicted in the Court of Common Pleas April 14 and fined \$500 in each of five cases charging him with representing negroes in voting law cases without having been retained by the purported clients.

Conviction under the statute carries automatic disbarment, and Madison has been under bond since the trials, pending appeal. He will be represented at tomorrow's phase of the case by

Arthur Shores, Birmingham negro lawyer.

The cases grew out of appeals by Madison from action of the county board of registrars in denying the petitions of five negroes for voting privileges. At his original trial the negro attorney testified he was employed by a group of 16 persons to handle their registration, and that the five were "members of the group."

The May term of Circuit Court will open today at 10 a.m., with Judge Eugene Carter presiding.

Trial of cases will be completed by Thursday. John R. Matthews is expected to plead guilty for probation, court indicated.

Three capital cases docket are set for Thursday. Majority of defendants charged with internal revenue law violations are expected to plead guilty for probation, court indicated.

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