

# 2 acquitted in Greylord

First setback  
in 4 yrs., but  
Judge Glecier  
is convicted

By Adrienne Drell

A federal jury acquitted a former judge and a lawyer of Operation Greylord corruption charges Tuesday but convicted a Cook County judge who once boasted, "These robes are not for sale."

While prosecutors hailed the conviction of Circuit Judge Daniel P. Glecier, the acquittals of former Judge Francis Maher and attorney David Dineff marked their first setback in four years of Greylord trials.

The acquittals are only the second and third since August, 1984, when Associate Judge John Laurie was found not guilty of taking bribes. A total of 76 people, including 14 judges and 48 attorneys, have been convicted.

"Justice has prevailed," Maher, 73, exulted outside the courtroom of U.S. District Judge Charles R. Norgle Sr. An emotional Dineff said

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Former Judge Francis Maher, 73, embraces a friend after being acquitted Tuesday of charges related to the Operation Greylord investigation. Next to them at the Dirksen Federal Building is Maher's wife, Cecilla.

# 2 acquitted, judge guilty in Greylord

By John Gorman

A Cook County Circuit Court judge was convicted Tuesday on federal bribery charges, but two other defendants—a retired judge and a defense lawyer—were acquitted on similar charges, only the second and third acquittals in the more than four years of Operation Greylord trials.

One of those acquitted, former Judge Francis Maher, 73, embraced his defense lawyers, Sam Adam and Marc Martin, after the verdicts were read to a hushed and crowded courtroom in U.S. District Court. The other, attorney David Dineff, leaped to his feet and threw his arms around his lawyer, Michael Monico.

Found guilty was Associate Judge Daniel Glecier, 60. He was convicted on one count of conspiracy for paying bribes as a defense lawyer and taking bribes as a judge while sitting in the Circuit Court's southwest suburban 5th Municipal District.

Glecier was accused of fixing cases and "steering" unrepresented defendants to a network of corrupt attorneys between 1980 and 1983.

Since the first indictments were announced in late 1983, 86 judges, court personnel, sheriff's deputies, police officers and lawyers have been indicted on Greylord charges. Seventy-six of the defendants have been convicted or pleaded guilty since the trials began in early 1984. Only one other person, Associate Judge John Laurie, has been acquitted.

"Justice prevailed. I knew it would," declared an exultant Maher, after all of the verdicts were read. "It was a very conscientious jury."

An equally exuberant Dineff walked  
See Greylord, Sec. 2, pg. 2