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# Chicagoan Joins Ruby Defense

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Charles Bellows, often rated as Chicago's most skilled defense lawyer, has joined the battery of attorneys trying to save killer Jack Ruby from the electric chair.

Bellows, 61, is a veteran of 500 murder trials. The number of clients he has lost to the electric chair can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Mrs. Eva Grant of Dallas, sister of the man assessed the death penalty for shooting Lee Harvey Oswald, said that Bellows has known Ruby and his family for more than 20 years.

Bellows was asked to represent Ruby early in the case. Tom Howard, at that time an attorney for Ruby, invited Bellows to come into the case soon after Ruby's arrest.

No more mention of Bellows was made, however, when Melvin Belli was retained as chief counsel for Ruby.

In Chicago, Bellows said he was asked by members of the Ruby family to become a consultant on the legal team.

"They had talked to me before they got Belli," he told the Chicago Sun-Times. "But for one reason or another I didn't get in it at that time."

Bellows said he has a "lot of confidence" in the defense team of Phil Bureson, Joe Tona-hill and led by Professor Hubert Winston Smith of the University of Texas Law School.

"What I plan to do is just advise them and aid in any way that I can be of any assistance. I don't intend to come into the motions for a new trial. But I do intend to participate in the appeal itself if the motion for a new trial is turned down," the Chicago attorney said.

Dr. Smith, who visited Ruby Saturday in his cell at the county jail, said that announcement of Bellows' entry on the defense team was "premature." However, he said that he knows Bellows and considers him a leading criminal lawyer.

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