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Two Lawyers for Ruby Ask to Quit Case

DALLAS (AP)—Jack Ruby's chief defense counsel and an appeals expert asked Dist. Judge Joe B. Brown Wednesday to let them step out of the case.

Clayton Fowler, head of Ruby's defense team since last June, and Emmett Colvin Jr. filed motions to withdraw from the case.

The motion suggested that the judge appoint new lawyers to carry out legal appeals for Ruby, under the

death sentence for killing Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

In requesting their release, the two lawyers noted that Ruby's sister, Mrs. Eiva Grant, last week asked the court that all lawyers on the case, except Phil Burleson, be removed.

The Dallas Times Herald said Judge Brown told a newsman he will permit the withdrawal of Fowler and Colvin, but probably will not appoint additional lawyers.

The judge pointed out that Joe Tonahill of Jasper, who has represented Ruby virtually throughout the case, and Burleson are still on the Ruby staff. Tonahill and Burleson said they intended to continue in the case.

The exit sought by Fowler and Colvin is the latest in a continuing turnover of Ruby lawyers.

At least eight other attorneys have represented Ruby at one time or another since

he gunned down Oswald last Nov. 24, two days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas.