

Shaw Lawyers

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State Files

Taking Stand

Clay L. Shaw took the witness stand in Criminal District Court again today and, as he did in his recent conspiracy trial, won his point.

Shaw, acquitted March 1 on charges of conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy, was called as a witness in one of several legal proceedings still in court which arose from his trial.

Today's hearing was on a motion to quash a subpoena requiring Shaw's four attorneys to testify in the trial of Thomas Bethell, a former aide to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who is charged with unauthorized use of personal records.

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charges Bethell showed Shaw attorney Sal Panzeca some of the state's files just before the Shaw trial.

Shaw testified today that he still faces a charge of perjury and does not want his attorneys testifying in court.

Judge Matthew S. Braniff upheld the contention that such testimony would violate the privileged lawyer-client relationship.

JUDGE BRANIFF, however, refused to throw out the charges as Bethell's attorney, Herbert Garon, had requested.

The judge rejected Garon's argument that the actions alleged against his client do not violate Louisiana law.

Garon took exception to the ruling and the judge gave him until Monday to file an appeal. Similarly, he gave ad hoc prosecutor Robert Ziblich until next Wednesday to appeal his decision on Shaw's attorneys.