

# Haggerty Ousted

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District Court Building without seeing reporters.

He had conferred with his attorneys, Zibilich and George Mouledoux, in his chamber and departed through a rear exit.

His attorneys expressed disappointment at the decision.

**ZIBILICH, CHIEF** counsel for Haggerty, said he intended to study the decision over carefully and then make the proper application for a rehearing.

Asked if Haggerty would be able to resume his seat on the bench tomorrow, Zibilich said the judgment in the matter still is not "final."

Asked if the judge could run for election again in the event the removal order becomes final, Zibilich replied:

"Why certainly. I don't see why not."

**POLICE CHARGED** Haggerty brought two prostitutes to the stag party. They charged the judge with conspiring to commit obscenity, soliciting for prostitution, simple battery and resisting arrest.

The latter two charges arose when Haggerty resisted arresting officers and was forcibly subdued. Police said their information indicated the motel room was rented for the purpose of staging an obscene show and that those attending were charged \$5 admission.

A total of 14 persons, including Haggerty and three women who allegedly were to participate in the stag show, were arrested as a result of the raid. Also seized were some alleged stag films.

The criminal charges against Judge Haggerty were thrown out Jan. 27 by Judge Braniff, who ruled certain evidence was not admissible and other evidence "was not sufficient to convince me beyond a reasonable doubt."

**THE JUDICIARY** Commission filed a brief with the Louisiana Supreme Court on Sept. 21 calling for the removal of Haggerty on the grounds his "public misconduct is so seriously delinquent as to bring disgrace and discredit upon the judicial office . . ."

Today's decision by the Supreme Court followed an Oct. 7 hearing before it at which Zibilich asked the Judiciary Commission's finding be set aside on the grounds the entire case against Haggerty "consists of his personal, off-the-bench behavior not squaring with the type of behavior that is approved by a certain segment of the society."

Neither Judge Haggerty nor his attorney were available for comment.