

Soledad Case Figure to Sue for False Arrest

A Berkeley attorney charged with contempt of court concerning the "Soledad Brothers" trial yesterday pleaded not guilty, asked for a jury trial and moved to file a \$1 million false arrest suit against the city.

Elaine Wender, 29, a lawyer who has reportedly assisted Soledad defense attorneys in gathering of evidence, entered her plea before Municipal Court Judge John O'Kane.

She was arrested Tuesday on a charge of attempting to enter the courtroom carrying a plastic briefcase — a privilege only granted attorneys of record for the Soledad trial.

When her entrance was barred, police said they ordered her off the floor and not to return.

Miss Wender, who was represented by attorney Charles Garry, contends she was twice refused entry into the courtroom — first, when she

was carrying the briefcase, and a second time after she had left the case in her car and attempted to enter the courtroom simply to observe the trial.

Judge O'Kane transferred the case to the jury trial department.

As is customary before filing suits against the city, Garry said he had mailed a letter to the Board of Supervisors yesterday morning seeking damages of \$1 million on his client's behalf.