

Ruby Loses Another of His Lawyers

Dallas

Jack Ruby's third chief defense counsel, legal-medical expert Dr. Hubert Winston Smith, has resigned to return to teaching at the University of Texas Law School.

Another defense lawyer, Phil Burleson, announced the action Tuesday and said he and Joe Tonahill will carry on the legal battle for Ruby, who has been convicted of slaying Lee Harvey Oswald, accused presidential assassin.

Smith said:

"I came into the case primarily to develop scientific elements bearing on Ruby's emotional status. I feel ... that the legal aspects will receive a highly competent presentation from Tonahill and Burleson."

Ruby's original chief lawyer was Melvin Belli of San Francisco, who was dismissed after the trial for remarks about the jury and Dallas.

A source close to Ruby's family reported yesterday that he had refused to take tranquilizing pills prescribed by psychiatrists as a start at giving him treatment for his mental condition.

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