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~~Dallas~~ NEW YORK, Feb. 12(AP)- A New York legal firm said today it bowed out of the Jack Ruby case because other lawyers refused to relinquish their claim to representation of the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald.

William Kunstler, of the law firm of Kuntsler and Kunstler, said a telegram was sent to the clerk of the Criminal Court of Appeals of Texas, in Austin, announcing the firm's decision to withdraw.

Ruby is appealing the death sentence he was given for the murder of Oswald two days after the latter ~~was~~ was accused of assassinating President Kennedy more than a year ago.

Kunstler said his firm had been retained "by the family of Jack Ruby" to make the appeal but "three or four other attorneys of record in the court have refused to take their names out of the case."

He said he received a letter this week from Joe Tanahill, one of the attorneys who represented Ruby, in which he said the Texas lawyer made it clear it had no intention of leaving the case.

"I understand that the Ruby family -- Jack's sister and brothers -- have dismissed him and the others attorneys but their names still are on the record in court as attorneys of record," Kunstler said, adding:

"We feel that we are unable to undertake the case under these conditions, we won't take the case unless the other attorneys drop it."

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