

William Bittman Quits

Law Firm in Capital

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WASHINGTON, June 6 — William O. Bittman, the first defense attorney for the Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. and the former Government prosecutor who won convictions of James R. Hoffa and Robert G. Baker, has resigned from his seven-year partnership in one of Washington's largest law firms, Hogan & Hartson.

Alleged actions by Mr. Bittman, 41 years old, were cited in an indictment last March charging a conspiracy to cover up the Watergate burglary but Mr. Bittman was not indicted. Most of the seven alleged acts dealt with his receipt of funds that eventually went to the seven original Watergate defendants.

A spokesman for Hogan & Hartson, in response to a question as to whether the lawyer had been dismissed, said, "No. Mr. Bittman resigned effective June 30."

Mr. Bittman has said that he would join another law firm here but declined to name it.