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## Texas Clears Mel Belli in Ruby Fracas

San Francisco attorney Melvin Belli was vindicated, more or less, by the Texas State Supreme Court yesterday.

The court rejected a motion by the Texas State Bar Association that would have barred Belli from practicing in Texas because of his outbursts during and after the trial of Jack Ruby.

The Supreme Court left it to individual courts, however, to determine if Belli can take part in other Texas cases, adding that he "is not now participating or offering to participate in the trial of a case in this State."

The Texas Bar Association said Belli's conduct "has been so grossly and flagrantly unethical, intemperate and abusive in nature as to weaken the administration of justice and to lessen public respect for the courts and laws of this State."

Said Belli when he learned of the decision yesterday: "The same bunch that's beaten in their own Supreme Court is now moving before the rich man's insurance club, the American Bar Association, to kick me out of there. Next they will move to have my membership in the Book-of-the-Month Club revoked."