

MOVE AGAINST BELLI IS BEATEN IN TEXAS

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 7 (AP)—The state Supreme Court refused today to hear Texas State Bar Association charges against Melvin Belli, the San Francisco lawyer who defended Jack L. Ruby last spring.

Ruby was convicted of killing Lee Harvey Oswald, the Presidential assassin.

The state bar contended that Mr. Belli should be barred from practicing law in Texas because of his conduct during and after the Ruby trial in Dallas.

The association sought an order to enjoin Mr. Belli from reappearing as an attorney in a case in any Texas court. Mr. Belli's statements, the association said, "maligned the trial

judge, the opposing counsel, the jury and the entire spectrum of judicial administration in Dallas County."

Today's opinion said: "When and if Belli seeks to participate in the trial of a particular case in the future, the matter of his qualifications as a reputable non-resident attorney under the rule will be addressed to the discretion of the court in which the case is pending."

When Mr. Belli learned of the court action today, he said:

"Like [General of the Army Douglas] MacArthur, I shall be back—into Texas.

"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."