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## The whole truth

During pre-trial hearings on the Lake Waco murders last week, Dick McCall, representing defendant Muneer Deeb, made a witness out of District Judge George Allen. McCall wanted to know who made the decision on the order in which the defendants would be tried.

The judge thought a moment, asked a secretary to swear him in, then testified he made the decision. While the judge was giving his "testimony," prosecutor Ned Butler made an objection to the line of questioning. Allen reverted to being a judge and overruled him.

Judge Allen did it all from his bench. He didn't leap back and forth to the witness stand.