

# Houston attorney to take Susan McDougal appeal

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Houston attorney David **Berg** has agreed to represent Susan McDougal, the Whitewater figure jailed for refusing to testify before a federal grand jury.

**Berg** said he also will ask the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for permission to represent McDougal in appealing her four felony convictions in a Whitewater-related business deal.

"I think it's a fight worth getting involved in," **Berg** said Thursday.

McDougal's brother, who lives in Houston, contacted **Berg** on Oct. 10, and the attorney said he spoke with McDougal by phone before visiting her Saturday in the detention center in Conway, Ark.

**Berg** said he has not decided whether to contest further the contempt citation, which was upheld on appeal.

He will be assisted by his partners, Joel Andropy, who wrote a prominent treatise on white-collar crime, and David Healey, a former federal law clerk, and his son, **Geoffrey Berg**.

McDougal's current defense team, Jenniffer Morris Horan and Bobby McDaniel of Jonesboro, Ark., will continue on the case.

Horan is representing McDougal as part of her caseload as Arkansas' top federal public defender. Like **Berg**, McDaniel is working for free.

McDougal, ex-husband James and former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker were convicted May 28.