

# Rubin approves settlement on Straight Inc. property

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Chief Judge Carl B. Rubin has approved the settlement reached between anti-drug activists battling over the \$1 million property owned by Straight Inc. in Clermont County.

Once he approves the sale of the land and building, and sales expenses, closing costs and maintenance fees are paid, half the money will go to Straight.

The rest will go to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation for attorneys' fees and Tristate drug treatment programs for juveniles and adolescents.

The unsold facility at 1074 Branch Hill-Guinea Pike near Milford was bought by local donors for Straight's stern sub-

stance abuse programs. It closed two years ago amid rising conflict and falling funds.

Some contributors feared the building and land would be sold and the money used elsewhere by Straight and attorney Gerald W. Simmons filed a class action in U.S. District Court.

There were no written objections when Rubin held a fairness hearing Sept. 28 and the sole oral objection failed to move the judge from his conclusion that the deal was fair, just and adequate.

Tuesday, Simmons said he would ask for fees of \$70,000 as the lawyer for the class action.