

Attorney Questioning Lawyers' Fees In Slave Labor Case

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A New York lawyer said he will ask Manhattan Federal Judge Shirley Kram to review the \$52 million fee that lawyers for Holocaust survivors are to receive in the Nazi-era slave labor case.

Richard Roth of Littman Krooks & Roth is questioning how the same lawyers could have represented survivors in this case as well as one against Austrian banks. He said lawyers for the Austrian victims had the right to seek a portion of the German settlement but "abandoned" that effort to complete the German deal, which he said may have been a conflict of interest.

Roth was responding to complaints by three Austrian Nazi-era

slave laborers who are making that claim.

Roth also said the lawyers' fees were determined by an arbitration panel and that it is "atypical for lawyers in a class-action suit" to be paid without the court first holding a hearing on their fees. **Roth** said his action would not halt the payments to victims, which began last week.

"I have a problem with the lawyers getting millions and the victims of concentration camps getting less than \$7,000," he said.

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