

Willowbrook court ruling is appealed

Lawyers for the Richmond County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children have filed a notice of appeal on Family Court Judge Ralph E. Cory's decision to refuse action on conditions at Willowbrook State School.

The appeal names New York State, the Mental Hygiene Department, Willowbrook's Board of Visitors, the State Education Department and the City Social Services Department as respondents, in the action aimed at reversing Cory's decision.

Cory ruled two weeks ago that the Family Court did not have jurisdiction over state institutions, such as Willowbrook, and hence he could not order any action on the situation at the institution.

The appeal, filed by counsel for the society, Ira J. Raab, will bring the issue before the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court.