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## Ann Arbor-based fair housing center accepts settlement in Monroe lawsuit

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The Ann Arbor-based Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan is among the parties that accepted a \$40,000 settlement in a lawsuit alleging housing discrimination against a condominium association.

The lawsuit began when a potential buyer for a one-bedroom condominium in Woodcrest Condominiums in Monroe signed a sales agreement with the sellers of the unit but wasn't able to purchase the condo. The suit alleged the managers of the condo association wouldn't allow the sale because the purchaser is disabled.

The housing center helped to represent the buyer and sellers. The Ann Arbor non-profit organization provides fair housing information, investigative services, and advice and advocacy for residents in Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw counties.

Court records show the case was officially closed March 24.

The settlement between the condominium association managers and the center, the purchaser and buyer included an agreement that the managers wouldn't participate in decisions regarding prospective buyers or applicants.

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