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## HARVARD LEGAL TEAM TAKING ON RIAA IN MUSIC DOWNLOAD LAWSUIT NOW AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW

*The supreme test case of the digital generation?*

Cambridge, MA – The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) is in the process of bringing to bear the full might of its combined lobbying and litigating power. And one defendant, Joel Tenenbaum, is fighting back. Leading Internet lawyer and celebrated Harvard Law Professor Charles Nesson and a team of his students are defending Tenenbaum in the case. Pre-trial motions are set to be heard on Tuesday, December 1.

Tenenbaum, a graduate student at Boston University, was accused by the RIAA of downloading at least seven songs and making 816 music files available for distribution on the Kazaa file-sharing network in 2004. He offered to settle the case for \$500, but music companies rejected that, demanding \$12,000. The Digital Theft Deterrence Act, the law at issue in the case, sets damages of \$750 to \$30,000 for each infringement, and as much as \$150,000 for a willful violation. That means Tenenbaum could be forced to pay \$1 million if it is determined that his alleged actions were willful.

Professor Charles Nesson, a leading internet lawyer, along with students in his "CyberOne: Law in the Court of Public Opinion" class, are challenging the Constitutional underpinnings of the entire lawsuit campaign against the born-digital generation. At some point, the fallout from the early years of music download from file sharing will need to be settled once and for all. This case is positioned to be the one to make it to the Supreme Court.

For more information, please visit our blog at: <http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/cyberone/riaa/>.

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*CyberOne is a course for Harvard Law School students learning to make things happen in a cyber world. Projects include furthering work already ongoing, as well as new inspirations expressing our growing ability to use the tools of cyberspace to connect in creativity and peace. Professor Charles Nesson is the William F. Weld Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and Founder of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society.*