Internet Gambling: iMEGA vs DOJ Oral Arguments Set for July 7th, 2009

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In internet gambling news, Point-Spreads.com has learned that the US 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals today announced that it will hear oral arguments from lawyers representing the Interactive Media Entertainment & Gaming Association (iMEGA) and the US Department of Justice (US DoJ), as part of a court challenge by iMEGA against the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA). Arguments will be heard on July 7th at 10:00 am, at the US Courthouse In Philadelphia, PA.

The three-judge panel that will decide the case was also announced: Judge Dolores Korman Sloviter, a Carter appointee; Judge Thomas L. Ambro, a Clinton appointee; and Judge Kent A. Jordan, a George W. Bush appointee.

iMEGA will be represented by Eric M. Bernstein, who first argued to have UIGEA overturned in US District Court, and Stephen A. Saltzburg, professor at the George Washington University school of law and former deputy attorney-general of the United States.

The defendants - the US Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Reserve - will be represented by Nicholas J. Bagley and Jacqueline E. Coleman of the US DoJ’s civil division in Washington, DC.

“This law will finally have to stand on it’s own two feet in court, free from politics and all other outside influences,” said iMEGA chairman Joe Brennan Jr. “We feel very confident that when the judges take a look at the law, they will see just how defective it is, and they will overturn it.”