

# Mass. student appeals ruling in song-sharing case

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(AP) -- A Boston University graduate student is appealing a federal judgment that required him to pay \$67,500 in damages for illegally downloading and sharing songs online.

A Harvard law professor has filed the notice to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit, seeking to overturn the penalty against Joel Tenenbaum.

Tenenbaum was sued by [music companies](#) who said he violated copyright rules. He admitted downloading songs between 1999 and 2007.

The jury found the Providence, R.I., native liable and assessed a \$675,000 damage award last year. Last month, a judge said the amount was "unconstitutionally excessive" and trimmed it to 10 percent of the original amount.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs have filed an appeal of that decision.

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