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**HARVARD LAWYER & STUDENTS FIGHTING THE RIAA
BACK IN RHODE ISLAND FEDERAL COURT
TO PROTECT DEFENDANT'S FAMILY**

Cambridge, MA (January 2009) – The Harvard legal team defending 24-year old Joel Tenenbaum in a suit brought by the recording industry will be **back in Rhode Island on Tuesday, January 6** to defend Joel's parents from the full might of the industry's combined lobbying and litigating power. Tenenbaum, a graduate student at Boston University, was accused of downloading seven songs from the Kazaa file-sharing network in 2004 and is being sued for over \$1M.

The team originally traveled down in mid-December, but the hearing was rescheduled for Jan 6 due to the fact that Professor Charles Nesson, Tenenbaum's lead counsel, was not admitted to legally argue in a RI court. Since then, the team has filed a *pro hac vice* motion for Nesson, but the group has not heard if it has been granted. In order to ensure action, Nesson has also secured a Rhode Island lawyer.

“This just further underscores how deeply unfair it is to pit the powerful Goliath RIAA legal infrastructure against the small David, or Joel, defendants,” said Nesson back in December when the hearing was originally scheduled.

The hearing is on the Plaintiffs' motion to compel a response to a subpoena requiring Arthur and Judie Tenenbaum (Joel's parents) to produce their home computer for the purpose of having it imaged -- and that image inspected for evidence of copyright infringement. This computer neither the device on which the alleged downloading took place nor the computer that Joel's parents owned while Joel actually resided with them.

The hearing is scheduled for January 6 at 2:00 PM at the Federal Building and Courthouse, One Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903 in Courtroom A, before Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond. **Interviews will be available with Charles Nesson and his students immediately following the hearing. Nesson will be bringing his core legal team of students working on the case, and some representatives from his winter Evidence class at Harvard Law School.**

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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.