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Songwriters and Music Publishers File Brief In Morpheus/Grokster Appeal

LOS ANGELES, October 3, 2003 – Songwriters and music publishers have filed a brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, seeking to overturn a lower court ruling that found that StreamCast Networks and Grokster (operators of the file-sharing services Morpheus and Grokster) were not liable for the massive copyright infringements occurring on their current networks.

The brief was submitted in an appeal of a lawsuit filed on behalf of a certified class of over 27,000 songwriters and music publishers in Federal District Court in Los Angeles (Leiber, et al. v. Grokster, Ltd., et al.).

The brief is publicly available at the website of the National Music Publishers' Association, Inc., <http://www.nmpa.org/pr/NMPA_MusicCity_Reply_10_2003.pdf>.

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