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CAPTION

In re: Three Pennsylvania Skill Amusement Devices, One Green Bank Bag Containing \$525.00 in U.S. Currency, and Seven Receipts

Petition of: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document: Petition for Allowance of Appeal

Case Status: Closed

Journal Number:

Case Category: Civil Case Type(s): Return Property

CONSOLIDATED CASES

RELATED CASES

Docket No / Reason	Type
10 EAP 2023	Related
Similar Issues	
POM of PA v. Dept. of Rev., et al., Apl. of: DOR	
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Similar Issues	
POM of PA v. Dept. of Rev., et al., Apl of: PGCB	
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Similar Issues	
POM of PA v. Dept of Rev, Apl of: Greenwood, et al	
29 EAP 2023	Related
Similar Issues	
POM of PA, LLC v. PSP, Apl of: PA Gam. Control Bd.	
607 MAL 2023	Related
Similar Issues	
In re: Four PA Skill Amusement (Commonwealth)	

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SUPREME COURT INFORMATION

Appeal From:

Appeal Filed Below:

Probable Jurisdiction Noted:

Docketed Date:

January 3, 2024

Allocatur/Miscellaneous Granted:

Allocatur/Miscellaneous Docket No.:

Allocatur/Miscellaneous Grant Order:

FEE INFORMATION

Fee Dt	Fee Name	Fee Amt	Receipt Dt	Receipt No	Receipt Amt
01/02/2024	Petition for Allowance of Appeal Filed	90.25	01/03/2024	2024-SUP-M-000021	90.25

INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Commonwealth

Date of Order: November 30, 2023

Judge(s): Cohn Jubelirer, Renee
McCullough, Patricia
Wojcik, Michael H.
Fizzano Cannon, Christine
Ceisler, Ellen
Dumas, Lori A.
Wallace, Stacy

Docket Number: 707 CD 2023

Rearg/Recon Disp Date:

Rearg/Recon Disposition:

Intermediate Appellate Court Action: Affirmed

Referring Court:

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AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION

Court Below: Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas
 County: Dauphin Division: Dauphin County Civil Division
 Date of Agency/Trial Court Order: March 23, 2023
 Docket Number: 2022-CV-06333-MD
 Judge(s): Dowling, Andrew H. OTN:
 Order Type: Order

ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

Original Record Item	Filed Date	Content/Description
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Record Remittal:

DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Related Journal No: Judgment Date:
 Category: Decided Disposition Author: Per Curiam
 Disposition: Order Granting Petition for Allowance of Appeal Disposition Date: June 18, 2024
 Dispositional Filing: Author:
 Filed Date:

DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
January 2, 2024	Petition for Allowance of Appeal	Petitioner	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
January 2, 2024	Reproduced Record	Petitioner	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
January 2, 2024	Amicus Brief In Support of Petition for Allowance of Appeal	Petitioner Amicus Curiae	Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
January 2, 2024	Amicus Brief In Support of Petition for Allowance of Appeal	Petitioner Amicus Curiae	American Gaming Association

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January 2, 2024	Amicus Brief In Support of Petition for Allowance of Appeal	Petitioner Amicus Curiae	Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc., et al.
Comments: Amicus Brief on behalf of: GREENWOOD GAMING AND ENTERTAINMENT, INC., D/B/A PARX CASINO; GW CUMBERLAND OP CO., D/B/A PARX CASINO SHIPPENSBURG; DOWNS RACING, L.P., D/B/A MOHEGAN SUN POCONO; MOUNTAINVIEW THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION, LLC, D/B/A HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT PENN NATIONAL RACE COURSE, HOLLYWOOD CASINO MORGANTOWN AND HOLLYWOOD CASINO YORK; WASHINGTON TROTTING ASSOCIATION, LLC, D/B/A HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS; CHESTER DOWNS AND MARINA, LLC, D/B/A HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA CASINO & RACETRACK; WIND CREEK BETHLEHEM, LLC, D/B/A WIND CREEK BETHLEHEM HOLDINGS ACQUISITION CO. L.P. D/B/A RIVERS CASINO PITTSBURGH; SUGARHOUSE HSP GAMING, LP D/B/A RIVERS CASINO PHILADELPHIA; MOUNT AIRY #1, LLC D/B/A MOUNT AIRY CASINO RESORT; WOODLANDS FAYETTE, LLC D/B/A LADY LUCK CASINO; STADIUM CASINO RE, LLC D/B/A LIVE! CASINO & HOTEL PHILADELPHIA; and STADIUM CASINO WESTMORELAND RE, LLC D/B/A LIVE! CASINO PITTSBURGH,			
January 19, 2024	Answer to Petition for Allowance of Appeal	Respondent	Champions Sports Bar
		Respondent	Capital Vending Company, Inc.
January 19, 2024	Application for Leave to File Amicus Brief in Opposition to PAA	Respondent Amicus Curiae	Shay's Vending Service of Lebanon, Inc.
January 19, 2024	Application for Leave to File Amicus Brief in Opposition to PAA	Respondent Amicus Curiae	Republic Amusements and Dillon Amusements
January 22, 2024	Amicus Brief In Opposition of Petition for Allowance of Appeal	Respondent Amicus Curiae	G&B Amusements LLC
January 24, 2024	No Answer Letter to Application for Leave to File Amicus Brief in Opposition to PAA	Respondent	Champions Sports Bar
January 24, 2024	No Answer Letter to Application for Leave to File Amicus Brief in Opposition to PAA	Respondent	Capital Vending Company, Inc.
January 26, 2024	Petition for Leave to Reply to Answer	Petitioner	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
January 31, 2024	Answer to Petition for Leave to Reply to Answer	Respondent	Capital Vending Company, Inc.
February 1, 2024	No Answer Letter to the Applications for Leave to File Amicus Brief in Opposition to PAA	Petitioner	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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June 18, 2024	Order Granting Petition for Allowance of Appeal		Per Curiam

Comments:

AND NOW, this 18th day of June, 2024, the Petition for Allowance of Appeal is GRANTED. The issues, as stated by petitioner, are:

(1) Does an electronic slot machine cease to be an illegal "gambling device," governed predominantly by chance, if the machine's manufacturers embed into its programming a so-called "skill" element that is almost entirely hidden from view and is almost impossible to complete?

(2) Should gambling statutes governing "slot machines" be read in pari materia to supply an appropriate definition of the term?

Petitioner's Petition for Leave to Reply to Answer Opposing Allowance of Appeal is DENIED.

The Application of Proposed Amici Curiae Republic Amusements and Dillon Amusements for Leave to Submit Amicus Curiae Brief in Opposition to Petition for Allowance of Appeal is GRANTED.

The Application for Leave of Amicus Curiae Shay's Vending Service of Lebanon, Inc., to File an Answer to Petition for Allowance of Appeal of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is GRANTED.

June 18, 2024	Order Exited	Office of the Prothonotary
June 18, 2024	Case was transferred to 50 MAP 2024	Office of the Prothonotary

Comments:

Case was transferred to 50 MAP 2024

CROSS COURT ACTIONS

Docket Number:	50 MAP 2024
Docket Number:	606 MDA 2023
Docket Number:	707 CD 2023