



## **Skycaps sue 3 airlines over \$2 baggage fee**

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BOSTON (AP) - Skycaps for United Airlines, US Airways and American are suing to recover tips they claim they lost when the carriers began charging a \$2 fee for checking a bag at the curb.

The three lawsuits filed in federal court in Boston over the last two weeks are similar to a lawsuit filed by nine skycaps for American Airlines who were awarded \$325,000 by a jury earlier this month.

Boston attorney Shannon Liss-Riordan filed all the lawsuits. She says she will seek to have the new suits certified as class-action on behalf of thousands of skycaps.

Many airlines began imposing a \$2 per bag fee for curbside check-in following a steep decline in airline travel after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Skycaps say many passengers do not realize the fee goes to the airline and is not a tip for them.