

Skycaps to ask Mass. court to reinstate tips award April 5, 2009

BOSTON --Lawyers for eight current and former American Airlines skycaps who won more than \$283,000 in a lawsuit over lost tips are headed to the state's highest court to fight for the money.

A federal court jury awarded the money last April to the skycaps, who argued they lost tips after the airline began charging passengers a \$2 curbside baggage fee.

Two months later, a federal judge ordered a new trial in the lawsuit brought by the skycaps, who worked at Logan International Airport and were employees of an airline subcontractor.

U.S. District Judge William Young says he should have asked the jury to determine whether passengers who paid the \$2 fee at the curb expected the money to go to the skycaps.

The Supreme Judicial Court is scheduled to hear arguments in the case Monday. ■