

# Microsoft Reiterates Call to Supreme Court To Reverse Ruling

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WASHINGTON – Microsoft Corp. reiterated its call for the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse an appeals court ruling that the company violated U.S. antitrust laws, saying once again that the case was tainted by misconduct of Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

In a legal brief filed Wednesday with the high court, Microsoft attorneys said Judge Jackson's misconduct was "so profound that it is difficult to imagine a case in which a new trial would be more appropriate."

Judge Jackson gave secret, out-of-court interviews to journalists before issuing his ruling in which he disparaged the company and compared its executives to common criminals.

Given the lapses, the company said the appeals court's decision to uphold parts of Judge Jackson's ruling "cannot be reconciled with the decisions of other (courts) that have ordered new trials for far less egregious violations ..."

The case was returned by the appeals court to U.S. District Court where a new judge is set to weigh what sanctions are appropriate to prevent future antitrust violations by Microsoft.