## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 1:11 Civ. 02564 (LBS)

Plaintiff.

v.

POKERSTARS, et al.,

**ECF CASE** 

**Filed Electronically** 

Defendants.

ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE ASSETS OF POKERSTARS, et al.,

Defendants-In-Rem.

## CLAIMANT TELAMONIAN AJAX TRUST'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO DISMISS COUNTS ONE AND FOUR OF THE VERIFIED FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

On November 28, 2011, Claimant Telamonian Ajax Trust ("Telamonian") filed a Verified Claim in this action pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 983 and Rule G(5)(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions. (Docket Entry #123.) Telamonian's Verified Claim relates to the account and funds (the "Account") identified in Schedule C, paragraph 5 of the Verified First Amended Complaint (the "Complaint").

In support of its Motion to Dismiss Counts One and Four of the Complaint, as alleged against the Account, Telamonian hereby respectfully adopts and incorporates by reference, in its entirety, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Defendant and Claimant Howard Lederer's Motion to Dismiss Verified First Amended Complaint (the "Lederer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Account numbered CH87 0875 5057 0684 0010 0 held at Pictet & Co Bankers, Switzerland, in the name of Telamonian Ajax Trust, and all funds traceable thereto."

Memorandum").<sup>2</sup> (Docket Entry #190.) The First and Fourth Claims for Relief, as alleged against the Account, should be dismissed for the reasons set forth in the Lederer Memorandum. Those reasons include, but are not limited to, the following:

- As to the First Claim for Relief, the Illegal Gambling Business Act ("IGBA"), 18 U.S.C.
   § 1955, does not apply extraterritorially to FTP, a company based and operated outside of the United States.
- Also as to the First Claim for Relief, that even if IGBA applies to FTP's conduct, the
  Complaint fails to sufficiently allege a violation of IGBA, as the Complaint fails to allege
  any state law that FTP violated and thus fails to allege the necessary elements of an
  IGBA cause of action, and also fails to allege that FTP is a "gambling business" under
  IGBA.
- As to the Fourth Claim for Relief, the government's wire fraud allegations fail to satisfy Rule 9(b) insofar as they pertain to any FTP employee.

Telamonian therefore respectfully requests that its Motion to Dismiss Counts One and Four of the Complaint, as alleged against the Account, be granted.

**DATED**: July 9, 2012 Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The sole exception to this adoption and incorporation is that, to the extent that any statement in the Lederer Memorandum agrees that any claim in the Verified First Amended Complaint is legally sufficient, Telamonian does not adopt or incorporate such statement.