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High Stakes: Class Action Lawsuit Filed After Online Casino Games Offered Under Sweepstakes Model.

Montgomery, AL (May 13, 2025) – Beasley Allen Law Firm has filed a class action lawsuit against Sweepsteaks Limited, the operator of Stake.us, a widely used online casino gaming platform. This legal action represents Alabama residents who have incurred financial losses or forfeited valuable assets while gambling on the site.

The lawsuit alleges that Stake.us has been conducting illegal gambling operations within Alabama. The website offers over 200 games of chance, including slot games, scratch cards, poker, and other table games such as blackjack and roulette. Stake.us offers prizes, including cash-equivalent gift cards and cryptocurrency payouts, which can be converted to US currency.

Unlike states with more lenient gaming laws, Alabama bans almost all forms of betting, including online casino-style games. The lawsuit claims Stake.us exploits a legal gray area by not listing Alabama as a restricted territory, allowing residents to participate in what plaintiffs say is illegal gambling.

Plaintiff Laura Hall, a resident of Phenix City, Alabama, lost money on Stake.us within the last six months. Plaintiff J.S., also from Phenix City, suffered losses due to his mother's gambling on the website. Both plaintiffs were unaware of the illegal nature of Stake.us and believed it was a legitimate platform.

The lawsuit highlights the growing issue of online gambling addiction, comparing it to the opioid crisis. The number of Americans diagnosed with pathological gambling has increased significantly with the rise of online gambling.

“Stake engages in the same unlawful and predatory practices that Alabama courts have shut down time and again, said Dee Miles, Beasley Allen Senior Principal. Mitch Williams, also of Beasley Allen and working on this class case, said, “We look forward to giving Alabama citizens their day in court to stand up to Stake and recover their losses.”

The plaintiffs are represented by Beasley Allen’s Dee Miles, Mitch Williams, Leon Hampton, and Paul Evans.

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