

How travel ban could reach Supreme Court

Trump's travel ban

Plaintiff:

Challenge from refugees and immigrants.

Defendant:

The federal government.

Federal District Court:

Trial court before a single judge. Each state has at least one district.

Judge James Robart of Washington State orders temporary stay on Trump order.

The federal government appeals.

Federal Appeals Court:

Normally a three-judge panel. Either party can appeal.

On Feb 8, the Court of Appeals heard arguments from both sides.

Decision on whether to lift temporary stay on ban expected this week.

Supreme Court of the United States:

Nine-justice court has final say in constitutional matters. No obligation to hear cases.