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## USA: In re Ray Smith and Amanda Tears Smith, United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, No. 2015-1664, 10 March 2016

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A patent application was properly denied on the basis that it covered the abstract idea of rules for playing a wagering game and used conventional steps of shuffling and dealing a standard deck of cards, according to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (In re Ray Smith and Amanda Tears Smith, March 10, 2016, Stoll, K.).

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