

What is claimed is:

1. A vertical roulette mechanism, comprising:
 - a stand;
 - a wheel configured to be mounted to the stand, the wheel including a plurality of numbers corresponding to a roulette wheel;
 - a motor affixed to the stand and configured to rotate the wheel while the stand remains stationary;
 - a roulette ball fixedly mounted to the stand;
 - a plurality of lights fixedly mounted to the stand between the stand and the wheel, the plurality of lights configured to illuminate the wheel so the numbers are visible to a player of the vertical roulette mechanism; and
 - a seat for a single player connected to the stand, wherein the vertical roulette mechanism occupies a space equivalent to a slot machine cabinet.
2. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 1, further comprising a display.
3. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 1, further comprising a base section including a controller module and a computer module, the controller module including a plurality of connectors, the base section including an interactive display and one or more buttons configured to enable a player to interact with a roulette game at least partially displayed on the display, the wheel and the plurality of lights including connectors configured to mate with the plurality of connectors.
4. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 3, wherein the base section further includes one or more lights and one or more speakers.
5. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 3, wherein the base section further includes a money/credit/card receiving/payout mechanism.
6. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 3, wherein the base section is configured to transmit randomly generated control signals to the motor to cause the wheel to rotate as part of the roulette game.

7. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 6, further comprising a braking mechanism for braking the wheel when it is rotating, the base section further configured to transmit randomly generated control signals to the braking mechanism to cause the wheel to stop rotating as part of the roulette game.
8. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 1, wherein rotation of the wheel and illumination of the plurality of lights simulates the fixedly mounted roulette ball spinning around the wheel of a horizontal roulette wheel.
9. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 8, wherein the roulette ball is fixedly mounted near to top of the wheel.
10. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 1, wherein the base section includes an upper section and a lower section and the display is positioned in the upper section.
11. A vertical roulette mechanism, comprising:
a stand;
a wheel configured to be mounted to the stand, the wheel including a plurality of numbers corresponding to a roulette wheel;
a motor affixed to the stand and configured to rotate the wheel while the stand remains stationary;
a roulette ball fixedly mounted to the stand;
a plurality of lights fixedly mounted to the stand between the stand and the wheel, the plurality of lights configured to illuminate the wheel so the numbers are visible to a player of the vertical roulette mechanism; and
a base section including a controller module and a computer module, the controller module including a plurality of connectors, the base section including an interactive display and one or more buttons configured to enable a player to interact with a roulette game at least partially displayed on the display, the wheel and the plurality of lights including connectors configured to mate with the plurality of connectors.
12. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 11, wherein the base section further includes one or more lights and one or more speakers.

13. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 11, wherein the base section further includes a money/credit/card receiving/payout mechanism.
14. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 11, wherein the base section is configured to transmit randomly generated control signals to the motor to cause the wheel to rotate as part of the roulette game.
15. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 14, further comprising a braking mechanism for braking the wheel when it is rotating, the base section further configured to transmit randomly generated control signals to the braking mechanism to cause the wheel to stop rotating as part of the roulette game.
16. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 11, wherein rotation of the wheel and illumination of the plurality of lights simulates the fixedly mounted roulette ball spinning around the wheel of a horizontal roulette wheel.
17. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 16, wherein the roulette ball is fixedly mounted near to top of the wheel.
18. The vertical roulette mechanism as recited in claim 11, wherein the base section includes an upper section and a lower section and the display is positioned in the upper section.