

## LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

**DLA PIPER RUDNICK GRAY CARY US LLP**

2. Address:  
, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):  
Country: City: State/Zip(or Country):

4. Contact Name: JOHN ZENTAY  
Telephone: 202.861.6449  
E-mail (optional): john.zentay@dlapiper.com

Senate ID #: 76855-758  
House ID #: 32113082

7. Client Name:  Self

**STAPLES, INC.**

## TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2005 Midyear (January 1 - June 30):  **OR** Year End (July 1 - December 31):

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report:

10. Check if this is a Termination Report:  => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity:

## INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

### 12. Lobbying Firms

**INCOME** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more:  => Income (nearest \$20,000): 80,000.00

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

### 13. Organizations

**EXPENSES** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more:  => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): \_\_\_\_\_

### 14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

- Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only  
 **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code  
 **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY**

Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S.2152, Sales Tax Fairness and Simplification Act, S.2153, Streamlined Sales Tax Simplification Act, Legislation to implement Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Act

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

House of Representatives

Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: BERNHARD, BERL

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: ESKIN, ANDREW

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: HAND, LLOYD

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: HANLEY, JUNE

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: JONES, LISA

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: MEISTER, BRENDA

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: MIGDAIL, EVAN

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: MINOR, WILLIAM

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: PHILLIPS, STEVEN

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: SANCHEZ, IGNACIO

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: ZENTAY, JOHN

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: TEC (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

S.714, Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2005

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

Executive Office of the President  
House of Representatives  
Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: ESKIN, ANDREW  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: INGIS, STUART  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: MINOR, WILLIAM  
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 13, 2006

Printed Name and Title: William Minor, Partner -