

## LOBBYING REGISTRATION

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

Check if this is an Amended Registration

1. Effective Date of Registration Sep 07, 2005

2. House Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Identification Number 89133-2245

### REGISTRANT

3. Registrant Name: BLANK ROME LLP  
Address: 600 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE NW  
City: WASHINGTON State: DC Zip: 20037

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

5. Telephone number and contact name:  
202772-5800 Contact: REBECCA SOUTH  
E-mail(optional): south@blankrome.com

6. General description of registrant's business or activities:  
law firm

### CLIENT

A Lobbying firm is required to file a separate registration for each client. Organizations employing in-house lobbyists should check the box labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10.

Self

7. Client name: THE THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL  
Address: 300 SOUTH CAPITOL AVENUE, PO BOX 13038  
City: LANSING State: MI Zip: 48901

8. Principal place of business (if different from line 7):

9. General description of client's business or activities:  
Law school

### LOBBYISTS

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any person listed in this section has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two years of first acting as a lobbyist for the client, state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.

Name: DAVIS, ASHLEY  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A  
Name: PODESTA, HEATHER  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, REP. ROBERT MATSUI

### LOBBYING ISSUES

11. General lobbying issue areas. Select all applicable codes listed in instructions and on the reverse side of Form LD-1, page 1:

EDU

12. Specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated):

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act

### AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than \$10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semi-annual period **and** 13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than \$10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semi-annual period in whole or in major part plans, supervises or controls the registrant's lobbying activities?

Registrant Name: BLANK ROME LLP Client Name: THE THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL

No, then go to line 14.

Yes, then complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, then proceed to line 14.

### FOREIGN ENTITIES

14. Is there any foreign entity that:

- a) holds at least 20% equitable ownership in the client or any organization identified on line 13; **OR**
- b) directly or indirectly, in whole or in major part, plans, supervises, controls, directs, finances or subsidizes activities of the client or any organization identified on line 13; **OR**
- c) is an affiliate of the client or any organization identified on line 13 and has a direct interest in the outcome of the lobbying activity?

No, then sign and date the registration.

Yes, then complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, then sign and date the registration.

Signature: ON FILE      Date: Oct 17, 2005

Printed Name and Title: HEATHER PODESTA - PRINCIPAL