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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name Verner, Lipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand			
2. Registrant Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address 901 15th Street, N.W. Suite 700 City Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20005			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name John H. Zentay		Telephone (202) 371-6000	E-mail (optional) jhzentay@verner.com
			5. Senate ID # 39974-R50
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self Merrill Lynch & Co.			6. House ID # 30883058

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 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	
<p align="center">12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ <u>\$120,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>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).</p>	<p align="center">13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

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Registrant Name: Verner, Liefert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand

Client Name: Merrill Lynch & Co.

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 BAN (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.1015, Consumer Credit Report Accuracy and Privacy Act of 1999,
H.R.1057, Medical Information Privacy and Security Act,
H.R.1339, Depository Institution Customers Financial Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999,
H.R.1340, Securities Investors Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999,
H.R.1941, Health Information Privacy Act,
H.R.2156, Consumer Telemarketing Financial Privacy Protection Act of 1999,
H.R.2856, Fair Credit Full Disclosure Act,
H.R.3320, Consumer's Right to Financial Privacy Act,
H.R.3321, Electronic Privacy Bill of Rights Act of 1999,
H.R.3560, Online Privacy Protection Act of 2000,
H.R.3650, Permanent Partners Immigration Act of 2000,

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

Department of Commerce
Department of Treasury
House of Representatives
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Bernstein, Matthew C.		No
Eslin, Andrew D.		No
Merrigan, John A.		No
Minor, William H.		No

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

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Item	Description	Date
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.4049, Privacy Commission Act,
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.4311, Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2000,
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.4585, Medical Financial Privacy Protection Act,
16	Lobbying Issues	S.1903, Consumer's Right to Financial Privacy Act,
16	Lobbying Issues	S.2328, Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2000,
16	Lobbying Issues	S.2554, Amy Boyer's Law,
16	Lobbying Issues	S.3040, Privacy Commission Act,
16	Lobbying Issues	S.809, Online Privacy Protection Act of 1999,
16	Lobbying Issues	Financial services privacy issues, Implementation of Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

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15. General issue area code RET..... (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

**H.R.1102, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act,
H.R.1332, Truth in Lending Modernization Act of 1999,
H.R.2614, Certified Development Company Program Improvements Act of 1999,
H.R.4843, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act of 2000,
H.R.5203, Debt Relief and Retirement Security Reconciliation Act,
Social Security reform.
IRA proposals.**

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
**House of Representatives
Senate**

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Bernhard, Berl		Yes
Duncan, III, Lawrence		Yes
Eskin, Andrew D.		No
Freeman, Rosemary B.		No
Hand, Lloyd N.		Yes
Hawley, Noelle M.	Legislative Director, Rep. Bill Archer	No
McPherson, Harry C.		Yes

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Item	Description	Data
18a	Lobbyist Name	Mendelsohn, Martin
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Merrigan, John A.
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Phillips, Steven R.
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No
18a	Lobbyist Name	Sidman, Lawrence R.
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	Yes
18a	Lobbyist Name	Zentay, John H.
18b	Covered Official Position	
18c	New Lobbyist	No

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Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____

22. New general description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is **no longer** expected to act as a lobbyist for the client
Haque, Bradley O.

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that **no longer** pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is **no longer** affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership % in client

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that **no longer** owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, client, or affiliated organization

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