

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:

1200 19TH STREET, N.W. SUITE 700, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

Country: City: State/Zip(or Country):

4. Contact Name: JOHN ZENTAY

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Senate ID #: 76855-1712

House ID #: 32113094

7. Client Name: Self

MERRILL LYNCH

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2006 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): 120,000.00

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: FIN (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

H.R. 1185, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act; H.R. 1224, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2005, provisions on ILC's; H.R. 3505, Financial Services Regulatory Reform Act of 2005, provisions on ILC's; International Banking Issues; International/EU Regulation of Financial Services; H.R. 3375, Financial Data Security Act of 2005; S. 1408, Identity Theft Protection Act; S. 1461, Consumer Identity Protection and Security Act.

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

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
US SENATE

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

Name: BERNSTEIN, MATTHEW

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: ESKIN, ANDREW

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: JONES, LISA

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: MERRIGAN, JOHN

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: MIGDAIL, EVAN

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: MINOR, WILLIAM

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: O'SCANNLAIN, KEVIN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE COUNSEL

Name: RAYMOND, JOSHUA

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

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

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:

H.R. 5970, Estate Tax and Extension of Tax Relief Act of 2005; H.R. 4297, Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005

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

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
US SENATE

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

Name: BERNSTEIN, MATTHEW
Covered Official Position (if applicable):
Name: ESKIN, ANDREW
Covered Official Position (if applicable):
Name: MERRIGAN, JOHN
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: Aug 11, 2006

Printed Name and Title: William Minor, Partner -