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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P.			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, NW			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Washington State/Zip (or Country): DC 20036			
4. Contact Name Sylvia A. de Leon		Telephone	E-mail (optional)
			5. Senate ID # 682-1507
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self American Express		6. House ID # 31784142	

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	
12. Lobbying Firms INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> => \$ <u>160,000</u> Income (nearest \$20,000) 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 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> => \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000) 14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options. <input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only <input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code <input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature

Printed Name and Title Sylvia A. de Leon, Partner

Registrant Name Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. Client Name American Express

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

Matters affecting the financial services industry, including issues arising in connection with congressional interest in competition in the U.S. credit card industry

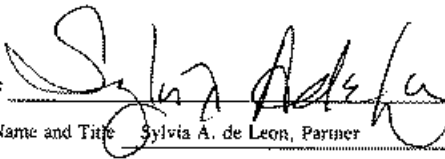
17. House(s) of Congress and Federal Agencies contacted Check if None

U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
J. David Carlin	Dana E. Singiser	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smith W. Davis	Barney J. Skladany	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean G. D'Arcy		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sylvia A. de Leon		<input type="checkbox"/>
Christina F. Hesse		<input type="checkbox"/>
J. Robert Joyce		<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard H. Sinkfield, III		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Signature  Date February 14, 2001
Printed Name and Title Sylvia A. de Leon, Partner