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LOBBYING REGISTRATION

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

Check if this is an Amended Registration 1. Effective Date of Registration 1/1/2003

2. House Identification Number _____ Senate Identification Number _____

REGISTRANT3. Registrant Name **Blank Rome LLP**Address **600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW** **11th Floor**City **Washington** State **DC** Zip **20037**

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

City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____

5. Telephone number and contact name Contact E-Mail (optional)

202-944-3000 **Jennifer M. Southwick** **Southwick@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 labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10.* Self7. Client Name **FastShip Inc.**Address **123 Chestnut Street** **Suite 204**City **Philadelphia** State **PA** Zip **19106**

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

City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____

9. General description of client's business or activities

Maritime transportation company**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 this client, state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Lara Bernstein Mathews	
Joan Bondareff	Chief Counsel, Maritime Administration
Thomas Cheplo	

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 Registrant Name: **Blank Rome LLP**

Client Name: **FastShip Inc.**

Item	Description	Data
10a	Lobbyist Name	Thomas M. Dyer
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	James B. Ellis II
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	David Girard-diCarlo
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	Sarah Heckel Mitchell
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	Michael Joseph
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	Wayne A. Keup
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	Christopher Naftzger
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	William Schachte
10b	Covered Official Postion	RADM, U.S. Navy
10a	Lobbyist Name	Karim Shehadeh
10b	Covered Official Postion	
10a	Lobbyist Name	Duncan C. Smith III
10b	Covered Official Postion	Chief Counsel, Merchant Marine and Fisheries Comm.
10a	Lobbyist Name	Jennifer M. Southwick
10b	Covered Official Postion	Staff Asst., Transportation & Infrastructure Comm.
10a	Lobbyist Name	Marcus Wyler
10b	Covered Official Postion	

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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.

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12. Specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated)

Marine transportation issues, including vessel operations and financing.

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 semiannual period and in whole or major part plans, supervises, or controls the registrant's lobbying activities?

No. Go to line 14.

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

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

FOREIGN ENTITIES

14. Is there any foreign entity that:

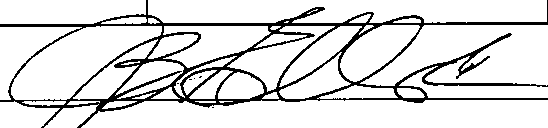
- a) holds at least 20% equitable ownership in the client or any organization identified on line 13; or
- b) directly or indirectly, in whole or in major part, plans, supervises, controls, directs, finances, or subsidizes activities of the client or any organization identified on line 13; or
- c) is 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. Sign and date the registration.

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

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

Signature



Date **8/11/2003**

Printed Name and Title

James B. Ellis II - Partner

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