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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name				
Association of Trial Lawyers of America				
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported				
1050 31st Street, N.W.				
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2)				
City		State/Zip (or Country)		
Washington		DC 20007		
4. Contact Name		Telephone	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID #
Dan Cohen		202 965-3500		4733-12
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self				6. House ID #
				31241000

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2004 Midyear (January 1 - June 30) OR Year End (July - Dec)

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	13. Organizations
INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:	EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:
Less Than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>	Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>
\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)	\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>2,940,000</u> Expenses (nearest \$20,000)
Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).	14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for descriptor
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition
	<input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6013 Internal Revenue Code
	<input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code

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15. General issue area code CSP (One per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 1887: (Consumer Fairness Act; to treat arbitration clauses which are unilaterally imposed on consumers as an unfair and to prohibit their use in consumer transactions.)

S 91: (Fair Contracts for Growers Act; to provide greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry)

HR 3414: (American Homebuyers Protection Act; to prohibit requiring purchasers to consent to a mandatory arbitration condition precedent to entering into a homebuilding purchase contract.)

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

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Dan Cohen.....

Julia Duncan.....

Elizabeth Humphrey.....

Jill Semans.....

Susan Steinman.....

Michael Strautmanis.....

Thomas R. White.....

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

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Printed Name and Title _____

Registrant Name Association of Trial Lawyers of America Client Name SELF

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15. General issue area code ENG (One per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 3864/S. 2139 (Residual Radioactive Contamination Compensation Act; to provide coverage under the Energy Occupational Illness Compensation Program to individuals employed at atomic weapons facilities during period of contamination.)

HR 4503 (Energy Policy Act; specific interest in Section 1502, relating to product liability protection for Methyl Tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE); also HR 3550, the Federal Aid to Highways Bill, as a potential vehicle to which MTBE liability protection (such as Title XV of the Conference Report on HR 6) might be sought to be added by amendment.)

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15. General issue area code ENV (One per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 2277/S. 1115: (Ban Asbestos in America Act) (Also, Title V of S 1125 as reported and S. 2290, see issue area code 7 and S. 2290.)

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15. General issue area code GOV (One per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 1115/S. 274/S. 1751/S. 2062 (Class Action Fairness Act)

HR 1768 (Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act)

HR 4430/S. 1836 (Legal Expense Equity Act; relating to the award of cost and fees in federal civil diversity litigation.)

HR 4571 (Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act; amending Rule 11, F.R.C.P., relating to sanctions for frivolous pleadings.)

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

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15. General issue area code HCR (One per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 663/S. 720 (Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act; specific interest in each of these bills in provisions regarding confidentiality and privilege protections accorded to patient safety information voluntarily reported under the bill.)

S. 1945/S. 2083 (Bipartisan Patient Protection Act; also HR 597, Patient Protection Act and HR 4628 , Patients' Bill of Rights) protect consumers in managed care plans.)

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15. General issue area code INS (One per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 352 (Medical Malpractice Insurance Antitrust Act; relating to the application of the McCarran-Ferguson Act to rigging and market allocation by medical malpractice insurers.)

HR 1158 (Medical Liability Insurance Crisis Response Act; to modify the antitrust exception applicable to medical malpractice and to make other reforms in the malpractice insurance market.)

S. 1374 (Better Health Act; specifically Title III, Limiting Frivolous Malpractice Suits; Title IV, Medical Malpractice Insurance; Title V, Independent Advisory Commission on Medical Malpractice Insurance.)

S. 1373 (Insurance Consumer Protection Act; to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Commerce, through a commission within the Department of Commerce, to protect consumers by regulating the interstate sale of insurance.)

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15. General issue area code MAR (One per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR. 1329 (Recreational Marine Employment Act; to clarify the exemption for recreational vessel support employees Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.)

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

House of Representatives

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15. General issue area code RRR (One per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 874 (Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act; specific interest in provisions relating to attorney communication days of a rail passenger accident.)

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

House of Representatives
Senate

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 743 (and HR 743 as amended by S. AMDT 2227) (Social Security Protection Act (now Public Law 108-203); specific III, "Attorney Fee Payment System Improvements," including provisions to cap attorney assessments in Disability cases; the attorney fee payment system to Title VXI Claims.)

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

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Printed Name and Title Linda Lipsen, Senior Director, Public Affairs

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15. General issue area code TAX (One per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 2400 (National Defense Authorization Act; specific interest in S. AMDT 3191, to express the sense of the Senate regarding to impose an excise tax on the fees earned by plaintiffs attorneys in certain cases in order to increase funding for the Army)

HR 4124 (to amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow a business credit for qualified expenditures for medical malpractice also a similar bill, S. 1055)

HR 1155/S. 557 (Civil Rights Tax Relief Act; also subtitle C, section 521, of Senate passed HR 2; Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Act.)

S. 1637 and HR 4250 as passed by the Senate (Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act; specific interest in Title X Civil Rights Tax Relief.)

HR 3580 (Victims Tax Fairness Act; to provide for the tax treatment of legal fees awarded or received in connection with personal injury cases.)

HR 2503 (Asbestos Claims Tax Fairness Act.)

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15. General issue area code TOR (One per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues
(Bills relating to medical malpractice and other health care-related liability)

- HR 4280 (HEALTH ACT)
- S. 2061 (Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act)
- S. 2207 (Pregnancy and Trauma Care Access Protection Act)
- S. 11 (Patients First Act)
- HR 321 (Common Sense Medical Malpractice Reform Act)
- HR 1178 (Physician Relief Act)
- S. 1518 (Reliable Medical Justice Act)

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16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 1125/S. 2290 (Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act)

S. 413 (Asbestos Claims Criteria and Compensation Act)

HR 1114 (Asbestos Compensation Act)

HR 1586 (Asbestos Compensation Fairness Act)

HR 1737 (Asbestos Victims' Compensation Act)

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HR 1036/S. 1805 and S. 1806 (Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, relating to the liability of firearms manufacturers for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others; also HR 357, Firearms Heritage Protection Act, a similar

S. 754 (Improved Vaccine Affordability and Availability Act; specific interest in Title II, "Vaccine Injury Compensation I

HR 1349 (National Vaccine Injury Compensation Improvement Act)

HR 1787 (Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act.)

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16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 2813 /S. 1546 (Small Business Liability Reform Act)

HR 339 (Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act; relating to the liability of manufacturers, distributors or sellers of food or drugs that cause harm resulting from a person's weight or obesity.)

S. 1428 (Common Sense Consumption Act; substantially similar to HR 339 above.)

HR 1084/S. 955 (Volunteer Pilot Organization Protection Act.)

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Registrant Name Association of Trial Lawyers of America Client Name SELF

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

UPDATE

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

Jill Semans

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 (city and state or
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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.

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

Signature Dan Cohen Date August 3, 2004

Printed Name and Title DAN COHEN, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS

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