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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 202-887-4000	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID # 682-151
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self American Express			6. House ID # 317841

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 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 Activities

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)

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 accounting method. See instructions for description of

- Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definition
- Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 603, Internal Revenue Code
- Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162, Internal Revenue Code

Signature _____ Date August 14, 2003

Printed Name and Title Sylvia A. de Leon, Partner

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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 was engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code and 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 competition in the U.S. credit card industry and payment processing issues with respect to airline ticketing

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)
Sylvia A. de Leon	
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature Margaret Stosich Date August 14, 2003

Printed Name and Title ^{8/1} Sylvia A. de Leon, Partner

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