

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

BLANK ROME LLP

2. Address:

600 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20037

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

4. Contact Name: REBECCA SOUTH

Telephone: 202-530-7400

E-mail (optional): SOUTH@BLANKROME.COM

Senate ID #: 89133-1775

House ID #: 31577038

7. Client Name: Self

BENDER SHIPBUILDING & REPAIR CO

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2004 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): 40,000.00

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: DEF (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Issues related to the conversion of the USNS ROY M. WHEAT

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Navy, Dept of
SENATE

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

Name: BANNON, BRIAN A.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: DYER, ANDREW
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: ELLIS, JAMES B. II
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: KEUP, WAYNE A.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: LEIB, DAVID
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SHEHADEH, KARIM
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

Registrant Name: BLANK ROME LLP Client Name: BENDER SHIPBUILDING & REPAIR CO

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15. General issue area code: MAR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Vessel financing issues

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: BANNON, BRIAN A.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: DREWRY, JAMES S.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): DEM GEN COUNSEL, SENATE COMMERCE COMM

Name: ELLIS, JAMES B. II

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: SMITH III, DUNCAN C.

Covered Official Position (if applicable): CHIEF COUNSEL, MERCHANT MARINE & FISHERIES COMM

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 12, 2005

Printed Name and Title: JAMES B. ELLIS II - PARTNER