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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name Blank Rome LLP			
2. Registrant Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address 600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW 11th Floor City Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20037			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name Jennifer M. Southwick	Telephone 202-944-3000	E-mail (optional) Southwick@BlankRome.com	5. Senate ID #
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self Lake Express LLC			6. House ID #

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-De

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 Lobby

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
<p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA defini</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 603 the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature _____ Date 01/21/2005

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Registrant Name: Blank Rome LLP

Client Name: Lake Express LLC

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 MAR (one per page)


16. Specific Lobbying issues
H.R. 2799, FY 2004 CJS Appropriations, vessel financing issues
Vessel financing issues

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
Department of Transportation
House of Representatives
Maritime Administration
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Drewry, James S.	Democratic General Counsel, Senate Commerce Co
Ellis II, James B.	
Shehadeh, Karim	

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



Signature _____ Date 8/12/2005

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