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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 Check if different than previously reported
.1050 31st Street, N.W..

3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2)
City: **.Washington....** State/Zip (or Country): **....DC 20007....**

4. Contact Name: **.Dan Cohen....** Telephone: **....202 965-3500....** E-mail (optional): _____ 5. Senate ID #: **.... 4733**

7. Client Name Self 6. House ID #: **31241000**

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2002 Midyear (January 1 - June 30) **OR** Year End (July - 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)

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).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000

\$10,000 or more \$ 1,280,000
Expense: (nearest \$20,000)

14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

Method A. Reporting amounts using definitions only

Method B. Reporting amounts under sections 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature _____

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 4696 (To amend Federal Bankruptcy law to disallow certain claims relating to nonmalignant asbestos-related disease.)

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..

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1489/ S. 163 (Civil Rights Procedures Protection Act; to prevent the involuntary application of arbitration to claims arise from unlawful employment discrimination).

H.R. 2282/ S. 2435 (Preservation of Civil Rights Protections Act; to exclude all employment contracts from the arbitration of chapter one, Title 9, U.S. Code). (Also untitled similar bill, H.R. 815)

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

- S. 192 (Consumer Credit Fair Dispute Resolution Act; to amend title 9, U.S. Code, with respect to the use of arbitration to resolve disputes arising from consumer credit contracts.)
- H.R. 1296/ S. 1140 (Motor Vehicle Franchise Contract Arbitration Fairness Act; to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.)
- H.R. 2053 (American Homebuyers Protection Act; to prohibit mandatory arbitration agreements as a condition for homebuilding purchase contracts.)
- H.R. 5162 (Consumer Fairness Act; to treat arbitration claims which are unilaterally imposed on consumer as unfair trade practices and prohibit their use in consumer transactions.)
- H.R. 2646 (The Farm bill; specific interest in S.AMDT 2522 included in Senate version (deleted in Conference;) relating to arbitration to resolve disputes arising from contracts for the sale or production of livestock or poultry.)

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

(Bills relating to the jurisdiction of Federal and State courts, and to the operation of the Federal Courts):

H.R. 860 (Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act)

H.R. 2341/ S. 1712 (Class Action Fairness Act)

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

- S. 1052/H.R. 2563 (Bipartisan Patient Protection Act; specific interest in negotiations to resolve differences between the Senate versions of the bill relating to the liability and accountability of health plans.)
- S. 2590 (Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act) and H.R. 4889 (Patient Safety Improvement Act) (Specify each of these bills in provisions relating to confidentiality and peer review protections accorded patient data voluntarily reported by health care providers under the bill.)

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 1704 (Auto Choice Reform Act)

H.R. 3210 (Terrorism Risk Protection Act; specific interest in section 15, "Litigation Management"; establishing a federal program for claims relating to terrorist acts, and limiting damages in such actions.)

S. 2600 (Terrorism Risk Insurance Act; specific interest in section 10, "Procedures for Civil Actions" and S. AMDT. 3830 have severely limited the availability of punitive damages in such actions.)

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

- H.R. 3262 (Merchant Marine Cost Parity Act, specific interest in Section 202, relating to agreements regarding inju crew notwithstanding the Death on the High Seas Act.)
- H.R. 4811 (Recreational Marine Employment Act, relating to the scope of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Con
- H.R. 2228 (Maritime Disaster Family Assistance Act, specific interest in provisions relating to attorney communica days of a maritime disaster.)

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 3332 (Attorney Fee Payment System Improvement Act; to amend the Social Security Act to improve the Social Security Administration's system for the payment of attorneys who represent claimants; includes provisions to adjust maximum allowable attorney fee and the so-called "attorney assessment" or user fee in Disability cases).

S. 2700 (Also entitled Attorney Fee Payment System Improvement Act; includes provision to adjust the so-called attorney assessment or user fee in Disability cases, but does not adjust maximum allowable fee. Unlike, H.R. 3332, excludes fee payment system to Title XVI claims.)

H.R. 4070 (Social Security Program Protection Act; specific interest in Title III, Attorney Fee Payment System Improvement Act)

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 840/S. 917 (Civil Rights Tax Relief Act; to amend the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income amount on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination)

H.R. 1412/ S. 1048 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide relief for the payment of asbestos-related claims).

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

- H.R. 4600 (Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Health Care (HEALTH) Act; relating to medical malpractice health care-related liability.)
- H.R. 2103 (Medical Malpractice RX Act; a bill to establish limits on medical malpractice claims)
- H.R. 1639/S.1370 (Common Sense Medical Malpractice Reform Act)
- H.R. 1805/ S. 865 (Small Business Liability Reform Act)
- H.R. 940 (Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act; relating to liability for certain workplace injuries)

(See also additional pages)

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- H.R. 2056 (Vaccine Injury Compensation Reform Act)
- H.R. 3741 (National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Improvement Act)
- H.R. 1287 (Vaccine Injured Children’s Compensation Act)
- S. 2053 (Improved Vaccine Affordability and Availability Act; specific interest in Title II, “Vaccine Injury Compensa

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H.R. 1966 (Interstate Commerce Freedom Act; to establish uniform legal principles of liability with respect to manufacture of products under certain conditions.)

H.R. 2037/S. 2268 (Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; specific interest in provision relating to civil damages and liability of certain manufacturers and sellers for harm caused by the criminal or unlawful misuse of firearms by other persons)

H.R. 4635/S.2546 (Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act; specific interest in provisions relating to liability of air carriers and deck officers. Also S.2554, Arming Pilots Against Terrorism and Cabin Defense Act.)

H.R. 7 (Community Solutions Act; specifically, provisions relating to charitable donation liability reform for in-kind contributions).

H.R. 1919/S.1516 (Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act; relating to civil liability for donating defective fire volunteer fire companies)

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NOTE: In the 2001 Year End Report, activity relating to creation of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund was reported under "AVI" (Aviation) because the Fund was established under the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, now Public Law 107-147, the Fund presently operational as an administrative system for what would otherwise be tort claims, activity relating to these issues is issue area code "TOR".

H.R. 3663/S.1812 (September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Fairness Act, to repeal the existing requirement that a claimant's compensation be reduced by the amount of collateral source benefits. Also, H.R. 3641 (untitled) for the

H.R. 3978/S.2214 (1993 World Trade Center Victims Compensation Act, to provide compensation and income tax relief to victims of the 1993 Trade Center bombing on the same basis as provided to victims of September 11.)

(See also additional pages)

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 3375 (Embassy Employee Compensation Act, to provide compensation to U.S. citizens who were victims of the 1997 Embassy bombings on the same basis as provided to victims of September 11; also Senate consideration of re-passed H.R. 3375 to include Oklahoma City bombing victims.)

Issues relating to the development of regulations for operation of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, and its operation of the Fund generally.

(See also additional pages)

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Department of Justice

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16. Specific lobbying issues

H.R. 3503/H.R. 3549 (World Trade Center Worker and Contractor Protection Act) (Specific interest in provisions relating to the liability of contractors for claims arising from work done in response to the attacks on the World Trade Center)

(In each of the following bills, specific interest in issues and/or provisions relating to the liability of persons who develop products - such as drugs and vaccines - to counter bioterrorism):

H.R. 3448/S. 1765 (Bioterrorism Preparedness Act)
S. 1764 (.....Biological and Chemical Weapons Research Act)

Issues relating to compensation for asbestos related injury generally.

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Signature Dan Cohen August 5, 2002

Printed Name and Title DAN COHEN DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS

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