

Lobby Watch: Philip Morris' Newest Smokers!

☞ Big Tobacco Puffs Up Texas Lobby Corps ☞ 6 New Philip Morris Contracts Worth Up To \$150,000

☐ Recent filings with the Texas Ethics Commission reveal that six new lobbyists have joined the Philip Morris payroll. These new smokers double the size of the cancer-maker's Texas lobby corps. The Texas House is expected to act on three key anti-tobacco bills in the waning days of the session.*

☐ The six new Philip Morris hires report starting dates between April 10 and April 24th. The value of the new contracts ranges from \$60,000 to \$150,000. The six additions bring the total number of registered tobacco lobbyists in Texas to 23.

☐ Two of the new Philip Morris lobbyists are retained by a competitor: PM lobbyists Robert E. and Gordon R. Johnson also work for R.J. Reynolds, whose creative talent brought our children Joe Camel.

☐ One of the new PM lobbyists has registered to work both sides of the cancer ward. Nolan "Buzz" Robnett also has a contract worth up to \$50,000 with the Methodist Hospital of Lubbock.

☐ PM lobbyists Edward Lopez, Randy & Stan Schlueter, and Mike Toomey also work for Texans for Lawsuit Reform, the group representing Texas tycoons who share big tobacco's quest for special immunity from lawsuits.

New Hired Guns: Recent Tobacco Lobby Contracts

<u>Lobbyist</u>	<u>Client</u>	<u>Max. Compensation</u>
Nancy C. Fisher	Philip Morris Management Corp.	\$25,000
Clinton P. Hackney	Philip Morris Management Corp.	\$25,000
Robert E. Johnson, Jr.	Philip Morris Management Corp.	\$25,000
Gordon R. Johnson	Philip Morris Management Corp.	\$25,000
Carl S. Richie	Philip Morris Management Corp.	\$25,000
Nolan "Buzz" Robnett	Philip Morris Management Corp.	\$25,000
	Total	\$150,000

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* House action is expected on a content labeling bill, children's access bill, and repeal of tobacco's special immunity from product liability lawsuits.