

# TAXPAYER'S COPY

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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<b>A</b> For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2017, and ending , 20																																		
<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>C</b> Name of organization THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER</td> <td><b>D</b> Employer identification number</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Doing business as</td> <td>23-1923398</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)</td> <td>Room/suite</td> <td><b>E</b> Telephone number</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1709 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY</td> <td>2ND FLOOR</td> <td>(215) 627-7100</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103</td> <td><b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 1,638,071.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer:</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Jennifer Clarke, 1709 B. Franklin Pkwy, 2nd Fl, Phila, PA 19103</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> <b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527         </td> <td> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No          If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)       </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>J</b> Website: WWW.PUBINTLAW.ORG</td> <td><b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶</td> <td><b>L</b> Year of formation: 1974 <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: PA</td> </tr> </table>	<b>C</b> Name of organization THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER		<b>D</b> Employer identification number	Doing business as		23-1923398	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	<b>E</b> Telephone number	1709 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY	2ND FLOOR	(215) 627-7100	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code			PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 1,638,071.	<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer:			Jennifer Clarke, 1709 B. Franklin Pkwy, 2nd Fl, Phila, PA 19103			<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)( ) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	<b>J</b> Website: WWW.PUBINTLAW.ORG		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶	<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation: 1974 <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: PA
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**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: The Public Interest Law Center uses high-impact legal strategies to advance the civil, social, and economic rights of communities in the Philadelphia region facing discrimination, inequality, and poverty.
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) . . . . . <b>3</b> 32
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . . <b>4</b> 32
	<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . . <b>5</b> 17
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . . <b>6</b> 168
	<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . . <b>7a</b> 0.
<b>b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . . <b>7b</b> 0.	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . . 812,055. 1,137,240.
	<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . . 2,067,965. 400,716.
	<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . . . 4,590. 32,387.
	<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) . . . . . 8,711. 19,763.
	<b>12</b>	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . . 2,893,321. 1,590,106.
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . .
<b>15</b>		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) . . . . . 723,557. 969,096.
<b>16a</b>		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .
<b>b</b>		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 108,697.
<b>17</b>		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) . . . . . 436,804. 409,117.
<b>18</b>		Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . . 1,160,361. 1,378,213.
<b>19</b>		Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . . 1,732,960. 211,893.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . . 2,416,402. 2,760,154.
	<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . . 81,826. 148,162.
	<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . . 2,334,576. 2,611,992.

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer	Date			
	Type or print name and title				
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	JOSEPH P. LEONARD	JOSEPH P. LEONARD	09/05/2018		P00229620
	Firm's name ▶ SNYDER, DAITZ & COMPANY	Firm's EIN ▶ 23-1436393			
	Firm's address ▶ 1617 JOHN F. KENNEDY BLVD., SUITE 720, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103	Phone no. (215) 563-6141			
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) . . . . . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

**Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an  
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No. 1545-1709

► **File a separate application for each return.**► **Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form8868](http://www.irs.gov/form8868).**

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile), click on Charities & Non-Profits, and click on e-file for Charities and Non-Profits.

**Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

		Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions
<b>Type or print</b>  File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.	Employer identification number (EIN) or
	THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER	23-1923398
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	Social security number (SSN)
	1709 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY, #2ND FLOOR	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.	
	PHILADELPHIA PA 19103	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) . . . . . 0 1

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

• The books are in the care of ► Latrice Brooks

Telephone No. ► (215) 627-7100

Fax No. ► \_\_\_\_\_

• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box . . . . . ☐

• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_. If this is for the whole group, check this box . . . . . ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box . . . . . ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

**1** I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until Nov 15, 20 18, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

► ☒ calendar year 20 17 or

► ☐ tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

**2** If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return  
☐ Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>3a</b>	\$	0.
<b>b</b> If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$	0.
<b>c Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$	0.

**Caution:** If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.



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THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER  
1709 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY  
PHILADELPHIA PA 19103-1206

Notice	CP211A
Tax period	December 31, 2017
Notice date	May 28, 2018
Employer ID number	23-1923398
To contact us	Phone 1-877-829-5500 FAX 801-620-5555

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Important information about your December 31, 2017 Form 990

## We approved your Form 8868, Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

We approved the Form 8868 for your  
December 31, 2017 Form 990.

Your new due date is November 15, 2018.

### What you need to do

File your December 31, 2017 Form 990 by November 15, 2018. We encourage you to use electronic filing—the fastest and easiest way to file.

Visit [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities) to learn about approved e-File providers, what types of returns can be filed electronically, and whether you are required to file electronically.

### Additional information

- Visit [www.irs.gov/cp211a](http://www.irs.gov/cp211a)
- For tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).
- Keep this notice for your records.

If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Part III** Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐ ☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The Public Interest Law Center uses high-impact legal strategies to advance the civil, social, and economic rights of communities in the Philadelphia region facing discrimination, inequality, and poverty. We use litigation, community education, advocacy, and organizing to secure their access to fundamental resources and services.

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,083,016. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 400,716.)

The Law Center's activities in the areas of Public Education, Health Care, Public Health & Environmental Justice, Housing, Employment, and Voters' Rights are included in the Report of Accomplishments (attachment to Schedule O).

Staff participation in conferences, speaking engagements and training sessions are also included, as is information on staff awards and recognition.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses **1,083,016.**



**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .</i>	<b>1</b> X	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? . . . . .	<b>2</b> X	
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .</i>	<b>3</b>	X
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .</i>	<b>4</b> X	
<b>5</b> Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .</i>	<b>5</b>	X
<b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I . . . . .</i>	<b>6</b>	X
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II . . . . .</i>	<b>7</b>	X
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .</i>	<b>8</b>	X
<b>9</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV . . . . .</i>	<b>9</b> X	
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V . . . . .</i>	<b>10</b> X	
<b>11</b> If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI . . . . .</i>	<b>11a</b> X	
<b>b</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII . . . . .</i>	<b>11b</b> X	
<b>c</b> Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII . . . . .</i>	<b>11c</b>	X
<b>d</b> Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX . . . . .</i>	<b>11d</b>	X
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .</i>	<b>11e</b>	X
<b>f</b> Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .</i>	<b>11f</b>	X
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII . . . . .</i>	<b>12a</b> X	
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional . . . . .</i>	<b>12b</b>	X
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .</i>	<b>13</b>	X
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .	<b>14a</b>	X
<b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV. . . . .</i>	<b>14b</b>	X
<b>15</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV . . . . .</i>	<b>15</b>	X
<b>16</b> Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV. . . . .</i>	<b>16</b>	X
<b>17</b> Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) . . . . .</i>	<b>17</b>	X
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . .</i>	<b>18</b> X	
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . .</i>	<b>19</b>	X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .</i>		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .	N/A	
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .</i>		X
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .</i>		X
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .</i>		X
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a . . . . .</i>		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .	N/A	
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	N/A	
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .	N/A	
<b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>		X
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>		X
<b>26</b> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .</i>		X
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .</i>		X
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		X
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>		X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .</i>		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .</i>		X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .</i>		X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 . . . . .</i>		X
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>		X
<b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>		X
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .</i>		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 15	
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .	<b>1b</b> 0	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . .	<b>1c</b> X	
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	<b>2a</b> 17	
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? . . . . .	<b>2b</b> X	
<b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions) . . . . .			
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . . . .	<b>3a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>3b</b> N/A	
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	X
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . .	<b>5c</b> N/A	
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . .	<b>6b</b> N/A	
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . . . .	<b>7a</b> X	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . .	<b>7b</b> X	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . .	<b>7c</b>	X
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . .	<b>7d</b> N/A	
<b>e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .	<b>7e</b>	X
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .	<b>7f</b>	X
<b>g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . .	<b>7g</b> N/A	
<b>h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . .	<b>7h</b> N/A	
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . .	<b>8</b> N/A	
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . .	<b>9a</b> N/A	
<b>b</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . .	<b>9b</b> N/A	
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . .	<b>10a</b> N/A	
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities . . . . .	<b>10b</b> N/A	
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . .	<b>11a</b> N/A	
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) . . . . .	<b>11b</b> N/A	
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? . . . . .	<b>12a</b> N/A	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year . . . . .	<b>12b</b> N/A	
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? . . . . .	<b>13a</b> N/A	
<b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
<b>b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . .	<b>13b</b> N/A	
<b>c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . .	<b>13c</b> N/A	
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . .	<b>14a</b>	X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>14b</b> N/A	

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . . <b>1a</b> 32 If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent <b>1b</b> 32		
<b>2</b> Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? . . . . .	<b>2</b>	x
<b>3</b> Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . . . .	<b>3</b>	x
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	<b>4</b>	x
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .	<b>5</b>	x
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .	<b>6</b>	x
<b>7a</b> Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .	<b>7a</b>	x
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . . . .	<b>7b</b>	x
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b> The governing body? . . . . .	<b>8a</b> x	
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	<b>8b</b> x	
<b>9</b> Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O . . . . .	<b>9</b>	x

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . .	<b>10a</b>	x
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? . . . . .	<b>10b</b> N/A	
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . .	<b>11a</b> x	
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b> Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . .	<b>12a</b> x	
<b>b</b> Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	<b>12b</b> x	
<b>c</b> Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done . . . . .	<b>12c</b> x	
<b>13</b> Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	<b>13</b> x	
<b>14</b> Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	<b>14</b> x	
<b>15</b> Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . .	<b>15a</b> x	
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .	<b>15b</b> N/A	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . .	<b>16a</b>	x
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . .	<b>16b</b> N/A	

**Section C. Disclosure**

**17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► PA

**18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

**19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

**20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ►  
 Latrice Brooks, 1709 B.Franklin Pkwy, 2nd Fl, Philadelphia,, PA 19103 (215) 627-7100

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Lea Knight Board Chair	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) Brian Feeney Board Chair (until 5/18/17)	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) Ellen S. Friedell Vice Chair	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) Ellen Meriwether Treasurer	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) Marc A. Topaz Secretary	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(6) David Caputo Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) Thomas M. Chapin Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) Nicholas E. Chimicles Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) Lisa W. Clark Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) Abbi L. Cohen Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) Molly Flynn Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) Lloyd Freeman Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) Rachel Gallegos Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) Anthony Gay Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

**Part VII** Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) Matthew Glazer Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) Megan Jones Griffault Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) Michael J. Hynes Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(18) Howard Langer Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) Robert J. LaRocca Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) Shannon E. McClure Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) Michael T. McKeever Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) Aneesh A. Mehta Board Member (until 9/7/17)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) Jeffrey S. Moller Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) H. Laddie Montague Jr Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) Carlos S. Montoya Board Member (until 5/18/17)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
<b>1b Sub-total</b>								0.	0.	0.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								123,500.	0.	4,484.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								123,500.	0.	4,484.

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **1**

- |   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| <b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual                                       |     | X  |
| <b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual |     | X  |
| <b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person                       |     | X  |

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

- 1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
<b>2</b> Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization	<b>0</b>	

**Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax****Part VII: Section A (continued)****Continuation Statement**

Name and title	Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations on the right)	Position						Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		C1 - Individual trustee or director C2 - Institutional trustee C3 - Officer C4 - Key employee C5 - Highest compensated employee C6 - Former								
		C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6			
Richard P. Pasquier Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Kenneth Racowski Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Daryn Rush Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Paul H. Saint-Antoine Board Member (until 5/18/17)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Jenai St.Hill Board Member (until 5/18/17)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Colby Smith Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
David Smith Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Hyung Steele Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Karen J. Vaughn Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Phillip Wilson Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Judy Yun Board Member	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Jennifer Clarke Executive Director	40.00			X				123,500.	0.	4,484.
								123,500.	0.	4,484.



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 25,836.				
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b> 290,830.				
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>				
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b> 820,574.				
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	2,613.				
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .	1,137,240.				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>			<b>Business Code</b>				
	<b>2a</b>	Fee/case costs awards	541100	361,966.	361,966.	0.	0.
	<b>b</b>	Contracts & Honorarium	541100	34,466.	34,466.	0.	0.
	<b>c</b>	Training & consultation	541100	4,284.	4,284.	0.	0.
	<b>d</b>						
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b>	All other program service revenue .					
	<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .	400,716.				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		32,387.	0.	0.	32,387.
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . .					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	<b>6a</b>	Gross rents . . . . .					
	<b>b</b>	Less: rental expenses					
	<b>c</b>	Rental income or (loss)					
	<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .					
	<b>7a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	<b>b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .					
	<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) . . . . .					
	<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .					
	<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 290,830. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>a</b> 65,710.				
	<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b> 47,965.				
	<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .		17,745.	0.	17,745.	
	<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>				
	<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11a</b>	Refunds & reimbursements	999999	2,018.	0.	0.	2,018.	
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		2,018.				
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions. . . . .		1,590,106.	400,716.	0.	52,150.	



**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐**Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.**

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	129,984.	64,992.	32,496.	32,496.
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	712,626.	588,908.	89,970.	33,748.
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	8,672.	7,781.	862.	29.
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	50,244.	39,239.	7,210.	3,795.
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	67,570.	52,502.	9,798.	5,270.
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	8,350.	0.	8,350.	0.
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .	36,449.	28,324.	723.	7,402.
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	85,047.	66,049.	11,900.	7,098.
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .	34,923.	28,064.	4,460.	2,399.
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	112,813.	87,656.	16,358.	8,799.
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	6,851.	6,851.	0.	0.
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	6,977.	6,977.	0.	0.
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	11,630.	9,037.	1,686.	907.
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	18,528.	14,396.	2,687.	1,445.
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> Case/court costs . . . . .	64,247.	64,247.	0.	0.
<b>b</b> Dues & library . . . . .	12,684.	12,684.	0.	0.
<b>c</b> Newsletter & fundraising . . . . .	10,618.	5,309.	0.	5,309.
<b>d</b> . . . . .				
<b>e</b> All other expenses . . . . .				
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e . . . . .	1,378,213.	1,083,016.	186,500.	108,697.
<b>26</b> <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) . . . . .				

**Part X Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	341,490.	<b>1</b>	514,822.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	296,003.	<b>2</b>	323,781.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	91,630.	<b>3</b>	140,672.
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	85,173.	<b>4</b>	86,874.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	18,058.	<b>9</b>	22,006.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b> 152,662.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b> 136,479.		
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	27,814.	<b>10c</b>	16,183.
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	1,504,889.	<b>11</b>	1,593,855.
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	51,345.	<b>12</b>	61,961.
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	2,416,402.	<b>15</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	2,416,402.	<b>16</b>	2,760,154.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .	50,004.	<b>17</b>	42,425.
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>19</b>	68,132.
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .	31,822.	<b>20</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>21</b>	37,605.
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	81,826.	<b>25</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	1,947,111.	<b>26</b>	148,162.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	235,109.	<b>27</b>	2,129,512.
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	152,356.	<b>28</b>	319,508.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>29</b>	162,972.
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	2,334,576.	<b>32</b>	
	<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	2,416,402.	<b>33</b>	2,611,992.
		<b>34</b>	2,760,154.	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	<b>1</b>	1,590,106.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	<b>2</b>	1,378,213.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	211,893.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	2,334,576.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>5</b>	65,523.
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses . . . . .	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments . . . . .	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	2,611,992.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b> Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
<b>b</b> Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
<b>c</b> If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
<b>3a</b> As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . . . .		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.	N/A	

Form **990** (2017)

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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**2017**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER

Employer identification number

23-1923398

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	650,305.	683,222.	874,391.	812,055.	1,137,240.	4,157,213.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3. . . . .	650,305.	683,222.	874,391.	812,055.	1,137,240.	4,157,213.
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f). . . . .						738,681.
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4 . . . . .						3,418,532.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	650,305.	683,222.	874,391.	812,055.	1,137,240.	4,157,213.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .	5,957.	6,046.	5,430.	9,896.	32,387.	59,716.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 . . . . .						4,216,929.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					<b>12</b>	3,935,058.
<b>13 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	81.07 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	80.86 %
<b>16a 33⅓% support test—2017.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33⅓% support test—2016.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.  
If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.) N/A

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . .						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . .						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . .						
<b>14 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . .	<b>18</b>	%
<b>19a 33 1/3% support tests—2017.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3% support tests—2016.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>20 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.) N/A

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
<b>b</b> <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c</b> <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		



**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

N/A

**11** Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

- a** A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?
- b** A family member of a person described in (a) above?
- c** A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in **Part VI**.

	Yes	No
<b>11a</b>		
<b>11b</b>		
<b>11c</b>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.
- 2** Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.

	Yes	No
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
<b>1</b>		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- 2** Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).
- 3** By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.

	Yes	No
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).
- a** ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b** ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c** ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions).

**2** Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.

- a** Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in **Part VI** identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.
- b** Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.

	Yes	No
<b>2a</b>		
<b>2b</b>		
<b>3a</b>		
<b>3b</b>		

**3** Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.

- a** Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in **Part VI**.
- b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role played by the organization in this regard.



**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

N/A

- 1** ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Add lines 1 through 3.	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4).	<b>8</b>		

<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
<b>a</b> Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>		
<b>c</b> Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>		
<b>d Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>		
<b>e Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):			
<b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> Multiply line 5 by .035.	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>		

<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
<b>1</b> Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Enter 85% of line 1.	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>		
<b>6 Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	<b>6</b>		

- 7** ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

**Part V** Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

N/A

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6	Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
7	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	
9	Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1	Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required—explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a				
b	From 2013 . . . . .			
c	From 2014 . . . . .			
d	From 2015 . . . . .			
e	From 2016 . . . . .			
f	<b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h	Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i	Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4	Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
7	<b>Excess distributions carryover to 2018.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a	Excess from 2013 . . . . .			
b	Excess from 2014 . . . . .			
c	Excess from 2015 . . . . .			
d	Excess from 2016 . . . . .			
e	Excess from 2017 . . . . .			

## Part VI

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2017**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**

- ▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

**If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

**If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

**If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then**

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization

THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER

Employer identification number

23-1923398

**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.** N/A

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) . . . . . ▶ \$
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) . . . . .

**Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).** N/A

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 . . . . . ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 . . . . . ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

**Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).** N/A

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities . . . . . ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities . . . . . ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b . . . . . ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

**Part II-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). N/A

**A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

**B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) . . . . .														
<b>b</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .														
<b>c</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) . . . . .														
<b>d</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .														
<b>e</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) . . . . .														
<b>f</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 35%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 65%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
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Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
<b>g</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) . . . . .														
<b>h</b>	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .														
<b>i</b>	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .														
<b>j</b>	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

**4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.  
See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

**Part II-B** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?		X	
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X		
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?	X		47.
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?	X		4,139.
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?	X		300.
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	X		5,348.
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?	X		3,331.
<b>i</b> Other activities?	X		1,636.
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			14,801.
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			N/A
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			N/A
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	N/A		

**Part III-A** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). N/A

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?		

**Part III-B** Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes." N/A

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	

**Part IV** Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

See Statement

**Schedule C: Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities****Part IV: Supplemental Information****Continuation Statement**

Pt II-B Line 1	DESCRIPTION OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES
	<p>Federal: Contact with federal elected representatives, research, and advocacy regarding Cabinet nominations; advocacy to oppose proposed federal legislation which would allow Congress to remove regulations promulgated during prior administration; advocacy to oppose proposed rule allowing certain lenders to disregard Pennsylvania's state cap on interest rates; research and advocacy opposing legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act; and advocacy to support Disability Integration Act. State: Activities to oppose proposed state legislation to penalize sanctuary cities; research and advocacy to oppose proposed state legislation to abolish property taxes; contact with elected officials and advocacy to oppose proposed state legislation to authorize the use of publicly-funded vouchers for private schools; meeting with elected officials regarding proposed amendments to state landlord tenant laws; meeting with elected officials to support proposed state legislation enhancing opportunities for young people with disabilities to enter the work force; contact with elected officials and advocacy to oppose proposed legislation to reduce oversight of charter schools; advocacy to support proposals for state constitutional amendment to change Pennsylvania's redistricting process; advocacy regarding proposed legislation to require prisoners be counted for census purposes in the place they reside, not the location of their prisons; and research and advocacy regarding proposals to eliminate system used by banks to avoid recording mortgages. Local: research, advocacy, and meeting with elected officials to oppose proposal by School Reform Commission to establish a segregated school for children with disabilities; and meeting with Philadelphia City Council members and advocacy to oppose proposed Squatters Bill.</p>
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SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

N/A

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year . . . . .		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year . . . . .		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**Part II Conservation Easements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

N/A

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply). <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.	
a Total number of conservation easements . . . . .	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements . . . . .	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) . . . . .	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register . . . . .	2d
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶	
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶	
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶	
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$	
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.	

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

N/A

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.	
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . . ▶ \$ (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . . ▶ \$	
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . . ▶ \$ b Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . . ▶ \$	



**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

**3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a** ☐ Public exhibition  
**b** ☐ Scholarly research  
**c** ☐ Preservation for future generations

- d** ☐ Loan or exchange programs  
**e** ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

**5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

**1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
<b>1c</b> Beginning balance	31,822.
<b>1d</b> Additions during the year	6,194.
<b>1e</b> Distributions during the year	411.
<b>1f</b> Ending balance	37,605.

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII ☐

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance	177,656.	126,311.	126,311.	126,311.	126,311.
<b>b</b> Contributions	2,500.	51,345.			
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	14,117.	580.	126.	126.	126.
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs	8,875.	46.	25.	25.	25.
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses	6,001.	534.	101.	101.	101.
<b>g</b> End of year balance	179,397.	177,656.	126,311.	126,311.	126,311.

**2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ☒ 9.16%  
**b** Permanent endowment ☒ 90.84%  
**c** Temporarily restricted endowment ☒ 0.%

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

**3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i)** unrelated organizations ☒ **3a(i)** X  
**(ii)** related organizations ☒ **3a(ii)** X

**b** If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? ☒ **3b** N/A

**4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land				
<b>b</b> Buildings				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements		7,515.	6,141.	1,374.
<b>d</b> Equipment		145,147.	130,338.	14,809.
<b>e</b> Other				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ☒ 16,183.

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives . . . . .		
(2) Closely-held equity interests . . . . .		
(3) Other <u>Philadelphia Foundation</u>		
(A) consisting of marketable securities	61,961.	FMV
(B) . . . . .		
(C) . . . . .		
(D) . . . . .		
(E) . . . . .		
(F) . . . . .		
(G) . . . . .		
(H) . . . . .		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ►	61,961.	

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.**Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13. N/A

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) . . . . .		
(2) . . . . .		
(3) . . . . .		
(4) . . . . .		
(5) . . . . .		
(6) . . . . .		
(7) . . . . .		
(8) . . . . .		
(9) . . . . .		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ►		

**Part IX Other Assets.**Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15. N/A

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) . . . . .	
(2) . . . . .	
(3) . . . . .	
(4) . . . . .	
(5) . . . . .	
(6) . . . . .	
(7) . . . . .	
(8) . . . . .	
(9) . . . . .	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) . . . . . ►	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25. N/A

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) . . . . .	
(3) . . . . .	
(4) . . . . .	
(5) . . . . .	
(6) . . . . .	
(7) . . . . .	
(8) . . . . .	
(9) . . . . .	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ►	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☐

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	2,290,158.
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	65,523.
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	586,564.
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	47,965.
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	700,052.
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	1,590,106.
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	1,590,106.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	2,012,742.
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	586,564.
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	47,965.
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	634,529.
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	1,378,213.
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	1,378,213.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

See Continuation Statement

**Schedule D: Supplemental Financial Statements****Part XIII: Supplemental Information****Continuation Statement**

Pt XI, Line 2d	Fundraiser expenses
Pt XII, Line 2d	Fundraiser expenses
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Pt IV, Line 2b	\$37,605 Fiscal sponsorships
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Pt V, Line 4	Board Designated Endowment - for educational programs
	Permanent Endowment (Wolf Fund) - for operations
	Permanent Endowment (Gilhool Fund) - for persons with disabilities
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**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 Dinner (event type)	(b) Event #2 NONE (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .	356,540.			356,540.
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions . . . . .	290,830.			290,830.
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	65,710.			65,710.
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .	5,367.			5,367.
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .	12,493.			12,493.
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .	300.			300.
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	29,805.			29,805.
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				47,965.
<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶				17,745.	

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. N/A

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross revenue . . . . .				
Direct Expenses	<b>2</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .				
	<b>6</b> Volunteer labor . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<b>7</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				
	<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) . . . . . ▶				

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- Address ►

- Name ►

- Address ►

- Name ►

- Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Description of services provided ►

- ☐ Director/officer      ☐ Employee      ☐ Independent contractor

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
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Pt VI, Line 8b: COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

The Executive Committee is authorized to act on behalf of the board of directors.

Minutes are kept of those meetings.

Pt VI, Line 11b: PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF FORM 990

Prior to filing, the Form 990 is given to the audit/finance committee to review during a meeting of the committee. The Form 990 is also provided to the entire board prior to filing.

Pt VI, Line 12c: CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The conflict of interest policy is regularly enforced. New board members and staff are provided with a copy of the policy and board members are asked each year to disclose any conflicts and/or certify that there are no such conflicts.

Pt VI, Line 15a: PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION.

In December 2017, the Personnel Committee obtained and circulated objective compensation data for similar qualified persons in comparable positions at similarly situated organizations in order to establish the compensation paid to the executive director in 2018. On December 5, 2017, the Personnel Committee held a meeting to gauge the reasonableness of the Executive Director's compensation. Following discussion, the Personnel Committee made a written recommendation regarding compensation, which was subsequently forwarded to the Executive Committee of The Public Interest Law Center's Board of Directors. Other than the executive director, there were no key employees in 2017. The board of directors adopted a written policy regarding



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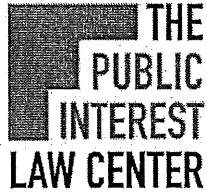
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the compensation for the executive director and other key employees on September 9, 2010.

## Pt VI, Line 19: AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Law Center posts its Form 1023, three years of its Form 990, The Board Conflict of Interest policies (financial and legal) governing documents and annual audited financial statements on its website.



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**FORM 990, SCHEDULE O ATTACHMENT  
PART III, LINE 4**

**23-1923398**

**2017 SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The Public Interest Law Center uses high-impact legal strategies to advance the civil, social, and economic rights of communities in the Philadelphia region facing discrimination, inequality, and poverty. We use litigation, community education, advocacy, and organizing to secure their access to fundamental resources and services.

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PROJECT UPDATES

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**School Funding Lawsuit:**

**William Penn School District, et al. v. Pennsylvania Department of Education, et al.**

Pennsylvania state officials have adopted an irrational school funding scheme that discriminates against children based on where they live and the wealth of their communities. Without sufficient funding from the state, school districts are forced to rely heavily on local property taxes, meaning students in low-wealth districts do not have access to the same resources as their peers in wealthier areas, even though students living in poverty typically need more resources. This broken system creates gross disparities: Pennsylvania has the widest funding gap between rich and poor school districts in the nation. Under the current system, hundreds of thousands of students across the state cannot meet state-imposed academic standards.

Together with the Education Law Center-PA and O'Melveny & Myers LLP, we filed suit against state officials in November 2014, alleging the state legislature is in violation of the Pennsylvania State Constitution. The constitution directs the legislature to provide for "a thorough and efficient system of public education," which the current funding scheme does not supply. The current scheme also violates the Equal Protection Clause of the state constitution because children in low-wealth districts are being denied the same opportunity to receive an adequate education as children in high-wealth districts.

We represent six school districts, six families, the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools and the NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference. After the Commonwealth Court dismissed the case in 2015, we appealed the decision to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. In September 2017 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed the lower court's decision and ordered the Commonwealth Court to hold a trial on whether state officials are violating the state constitution. In its decision the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned decades of precedent, agreeing with advocates that school children and school districts must be able to seek relief from the Courts to protect their rights to a quality education. We are preparing the case for trial.

**Education Advocacy**

In 2017 we continued our leadership in the Campaign for Fair Education Funding – a statewide, non-partisan coalition of more than 40 education advocacy organizations which we helped launch in 2014. The Campaign's objective is to secure a legislative fix to the school funding crisis. Following the Campaign's successful efforts in 2016 to secure legislative adoption of a student-driven funding formula, we have been working with the Campaign to get the state to adequately fund the formula and to close the gaps created by past years of unequal funding. Currently, only 6% of the state's education appropriations are being distributed through the formula, leaving previous inequities intact. As part of the Campaign, we prepared an analysis of the total funding needed for public education, based upon the funding formula. This analysis

formed the basis for the Campaign's 2017-18 budget request of \$400 million in new funding from the state. In addition, we continued our work to educate and equip individuals with the information they need to advocate for increased school funding. In 2017, we held presentations that explain how the current system is broken, how it can be fixed, and how people can advocate for increased funding. These presentations reached hundreds.

**Supporting Families with Limited English Proficiency:**

**T.R. v. School District of Philadelphia**

Thousands of families in the School District of Philadelphia do not speak English as their primary language. Some of those families have children with disabilities. The School District has largely failed to provide appropriate translation and interpretation services to these families, limiting their ability to fully participate in their children's educational planning, which is especially important and legally required for students with disabilities. Together with Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP and the Education Law Center-PA, we filed a federal class action lawsuit alleging that thousands of parents and their children are illegally denied the opportunity to participate in the special education process when they are not provided with translation and interpretation services. The Court denied the School District's motion to dismiss in 2016. In 2017, we moved the case through discovery and toward class certification.

**Disproportionate Treatment of Students of Color**

In Upper Dublin, Pa., the local school district's tracking and discipline policies disproportionately affect students of color. A disproportionate number of black students are placed in low-level academic courses, and very few black students are placed in gifted programming. Research shows that placement in a low-track course at the start of middle school typically means that the student will remain in low-track courses in that subject through high school, and will be at a greater disadvantage when applying to colleges. In addition, during the 2014-2015 school year, while just 7.3% of students in Upper Dublin School District were black, nearly 45% of out-of-school suspensions were issued to black students.

In November 2015, we helped a group of parents file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, contending that the school district's policies discriminate against students of color. We asked the Department to conduct a full investigation and require the district to find a remedy for the problems. In a victory for black parents and students, in 2016 the U.S. Department of Education announced that it would investigate our complaint, and it has started to request data and information from the district. That investigation was ongoing throughout 2017.

**Securing Appropriate Extended School Year Services for Students with Disabilities:**

**C.H. et al., v. the School District of Philadelphia, et al.**

For many students with disabilities, school breaks such as winter and summer recess can significantly disrupt academic progress. To avoid that harm, the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires school districts to provide Extended School Year

(ESY) services to eligible students. Schools must work with parents to make individual determinations about the type, amount, and duration of ESY services each child receives. Despite these requirements, the School District of Philadelphia operated a one-size-fits-all ESY program with set time frames and without regard to the different therapies and services that individual students needed.

In 2014, together with pro bono counsel from Covington & Burling LLP, we filed a lawsuit in federal court contending that this practice violated federal law and that the district did not meaningfully involve parents in planning for ESY services. In January 2017, parents agreed to settle the lawsuit. Under the settlement agreement, and in accordance with federal law, the school district agreed to work with each student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) team, which includes parents, to determine the type, amount and duration of services based on each student's individual needs prior to assigning a student to the district's scheduled program. If the IEP team determines that students need additional or different services than those provided within the district's prescribed services, the district must provide those additional services. The district also agreed to conduct training and provide written notification to parents about their child's rights. During 2017, we monitored the settlement agreement and in late 2017 filed a motion to enforce the settlement agreement based on the district's failure to comply with certain provisions of the agreement.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

### **Garden Justice Legal Initiative**

Philadelphia has tens of thousands of abandoned, vacant lots. For decades, many communities have put these spaces back to productive use by growing gardens or farms or establishing open, community spaces. But outdated city policies and a quagmire of city agencies too often cause gardeners, farmers and community members difficulty when they attempt to secure legal access to maintain their community spaces. Through our Garden Justice Legal Initiative, we provide pro bono legal services, policy advocacy, community education and organizing to residents, community gardeners and market farmers in historically disinvested neighborhoods, communities of color and refugee communities.

In 2017 we represented 11 gardens and farms and consulted with an additional 32 garden and farm groups to help them stay on their land. We also worked with the Neighborhood Gardens Trust to move forward with preservation of at least five more gardens. In addition, we also offered community education and organizing resources, including a comprehensive Vacant Land Toolkit. In 2017 we offered four Vacant Land trainings to 86 people. We also trained a group of block captains on land access issues, and we presented to more than 940 people at local and national conferences on land and environmental justice issues. Finally, we supported Soil Generation, a black-led coalition of community gardeners and market farmers working to influence city policies that affect urban agriculture. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Soil Generation to support them as they work to develop their independence.

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Finally, we worked with community gardeners and urban farmers to positively influence city policies related to land and urban agriculture. We helped initiate a city-wide, urban agriculture strategic planning process by securing initial funding and we engaged gardeners and farmers to provide input for a Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure a firm to lead the strategic planning process. We secured full exemptions for gardens and farms from paying storm water fees or related debt. We continued our role in the Mayor's Food Policy Advisory Council and disseminated soil safety recommendations. Finally, we actively worked to promote a more equitable and functional Land Bank in Philadelphia.

**Supporting Residents in Eastwick**

The Eastwick neighborhood in southwest Philadelphia lives with the legacy of the nation's largest redevelopment project (which displaced 8,000 people), decades of disinvestment, school closures, two superfund sites, and flooding caused by climate change. For the last six years, with pro bono support from Dechert LLP, we have provided legal and advocacy support to residents in Eastwick in their efforts to stave off an environmentally unsound and unwanted proposal to develop 135 acres of land in their community. In 2015 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (PRA) and developer Korman Residential reached a historic agreement to return control of the 135 acres back to the city and community. In an additional victory, PRA publicly pledged to lead a community-based planning process for the undeveloped land in Eastwick and the entire neighborhood.

The hard-won Lower Eastwick Land Strategy launched in January of 2017. Interface Studio LLC, an urban design firm, led a year-long planning process, which included three public community meetings and three roundtable discussions of community leadership. We remained an active participant in these processes, working with the city and the Army Corps to advance a flood control study; exploring options regarding flood insurance rates; and assisting the Eastwick Friends and Neighbors Coalition in pursuing its 501(c)(3) tax status, which it secured in 2017. We also provided oversight of clean-up of one of the superfund sites.

**Additional Community Lawyering Projects**

Along with lawyers at Steve Harvey Law LLC we represented the Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition, a group of residents in South Philadelphia, to work out a number of agreements with the developers of a proposed mixed-use residential tower. We also supported neighbors in the Wynnefield neighborhood of Philadelphia begin negotiations with a major electric company regarding its proposed building of an electrical substation in their neighborhood. In both partnerships, we helped neighbors negotiate issues such as prioritizing hiring of local residents and potential environmental hazards.

## HOUSING

### **Tenant Advocacy Project**

Hundreds of thousands of people in Philadelphia live in unhealthy, uninhabitable homes that make them sick. Technically, the city provides protection for tenants in the form of laws requiring landlords to maintain housing quality and to make disclosures to tenants. However, landlords frequently ignore these laws. And with only five to seven full-time lawyers available to provide representation to low-income tenants for free, most tenants have no ability to hold landlords accountable. We are working to change this dynamic by bringing affirmative cases against landlords that fail to comply with state and local laws. In 2017 we secured a settlement agreement on behalf of a low-income woman after her landlord and property manager failed to remediate issues with her apartment, including lack of heat, a broken stove, poorly installed smoke detectors, an infestation of rats and leaking sewage. We also worked with our legal service partner organizations to successfully secure \$500,000 in new, public funding from Philadelphia City Council to provide legal support to unrepresented tenants.

### **Ending Exploitative Eviction Practices**

#### ***Baker v. Glenn M. Ross, P.C., et al.***

In September 2017 we filed a federal class action lawsuit under the Federal Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) on behalf of Philadelphia consumers who were sued for back rent and/or possession of their rental housing when Philadelphia law says that no money was owed. The named plaintiff, Cassandra Baker, notified her property manager that one bedroom was unusable shortly after moving into her apartment during the winter of 2014 due to a lack of heat, and that the heating system in the rest of the house also regularly malfunctioned, causing her utility bills to skyrocket. After repeated demands to her landlord to fix these problems, she received a letter demanding back rent, late fees, legal fees, and threatening eviction. Ms. Baker's landlord had failed to comply with housing quality laws and had not provided her with a Certificate of Rental Suitability (CRS), one of Philadelphia's preconditions for a landlord to legally collect rent and demand possession. The complaint alleges that this practice violates the FDCPA. We are partnering with pro bono counsel from Chimicles & Tikellis LLP and the National Consumer Law Center to litigate this case.

#### ***Gerrell Martin v. Levy Law***

In March 2017, we filed a lawsuit in federal court on behalf of a Philadelphia family against their landlord's collection lawyer, who we allege engaged in abusive and deceptive debt collection practices in order to evict them and force them to pay rent that the law says was not owed. Gerrell Martin and her husband, Curtis Sampson, are parents to six children, including a toddler with cerebral palsy. Their rental home was unhealthy, having been neglected by subsequent landlords. At various times the heat did not work, the roof leaked, the bathroom sink would not drain, and there were faulty electrical outlets. The Department of Licenses & Inspections (L&I) issued multiple violations on the property, and at one point, deemed it unfit for human habitation. The property was long unlicensed, and Ms. Martin and Mr. Sampson were never provided a

Certificate of Rental Suitability. Under Philadelphia law, when a landlord fails to comply with these requirements, renters do not owe rent. However, without a lawyer many tenants are not aware of this provision, not equipped to enforce it, and sued in spite of it. Ms. Martin and Mr. Sampson's federal lawsuit alleges that the landlord's collection lawyer violated the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), because he used false, misleading, and deceptive practices in the eviction case he filed, misstating the conditions at the property, demanding money when the law says none was owed, and seeking to turn out a family, when the law says he could not. We are preparing the case for trial.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **Fair Employment Opportunities Project**

#### ***Long v. SEPTA***

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In Pennsylvania, people, particularly people of color, are frequently turned away from jobs due to disproportionate criminal history rates and employers' increased screening of those histories in the application and hiring processes. The widespread use of criminal background checks creates a nearly insurmountable barrier for large numbers of people in obtaining the employment they need to lead stable and sustainable lives and contribute to their families and communities. Under state law, employers making hiring decisions cannot consider arrests that did not lead to convictions, nor can they consider convictions unrelated to a particular job. Unfortunately, many employers fail to comply with this law, which can turn even minor brushes with the law into lifetime sentences of unemployment.

In 2016, in partnership with Outten & Golden LLP, Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and Willig, Williams & Davidson, we filed federal and state class action lawsuits against the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) for denying employment to bus drivers with criminal records. We brought the suit on behalf of Frank Long, a 56-year-old resident of Philadelphia and a commercially licensed bus driver who had a job offer rescinded by SEPTA because of a decades-old conviction on Mr. Long's record. The lawsuits allege that SEPTA violates state and federal law in its hiring practices. Since filing the case, we have added two more plaintiffs. In the second half of 2017, the case was dismissed by both Pennsylvania's Court of Common Pleas and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. We are pursuing an appeal to Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Court. The Court heard oral argument in December of 2017.

#### **Disability Employment Discrimination Project**

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We continued our Disability Employment Discrimination Project, which we launched in 2014 to help people with disabilities access and remain in the workforce. We urge employers to adhere to laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, which require employers to provide reasonable accommodations to employees with disabilities. In 2017 we represented two individual clients and provided legal consultation to 36 people with



disabilities. We also hosted regular walk-in hours at Liberty Resources, held six legal clinics, presented at 13 community education events and hosted 34 community outreach events.

An example of our work in this area is the assistance we provided to Karen (name changed for privacy), a woman who is deaf and applied for a job with a national employer and was hired on a provisional basis. With the exception of initial training sessions, she was not provided appropriate American Sign Language interpretation services or other communication accommodations, such as video relay services, during critical training sessions and human resource meetings. She had difficulty communicating with her colleagues and became socially isolated in the workplace. After less than three months, she was abruptly terminated for “performance reasons.” We worked with Karen to file a complaint through her employer’s complaints process. We also attended a mediation and negotiations with her employer to reinstate her and improve company policy, as the company employs an estimated 2,500 people with hearing disabilities.

## **HEALTHCARE**

### **Increasing Access to Dental Care for Children**

Adequate dental health care is essential to overall health and well-being, yet too many children in Pennsylvania are denied dental care every year due to a number of economic, structural and geographic issues. According to a research brief published by the American Dental Association’s Health Policy Institute in December 2015, Pennsylvania has the seventh largest gap in the country between Medicaid-enrolled children and privately insured children for the utilization of dental care. The PA Department of Human Services estimated that 33% of children from low-income families have untreated tooth decay. In 2017, we successfully asked the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry to change its rule to expand the role of dental hygienists so that they are able to provide services in additional settings, such as homes, thereby increasing access to dental care, especially in rural communities.

### **Challenging the Philadelphia Federal Detention Center’s Pre-trial Visitation Policy**

In 2016, the Federal Detention Center (FDC) of Philadelphia instituted a new visitation policy for pre-trial detainees being held while awaiting trial or sentencing. Many of these detainees remain at the FDC for months or years. The new policy limited the people who can visit these inmates to a narrowly defined group of “immediate family” members. While an inmate’s children are part of his “immediate family,” they are barred from visiting unless accompanied by an adult who is also a member of the inmate’s immediate family. Many pre-trial detainees are not currently married to their children’s mothers, and thus the mothers are not “immediate family” members allowed in with the children. This policy is one of the most restrictive in the country. In October 2017, we helped pre-trial inmates file a federal class action lawsuit against the facility’s warden because they cannot see their children. We partnered with attorney Dana Bazelon and Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP to allege the visitation policy for pre-trial detainees violates their First and Fifth Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution.

## VOTING

### Pennsylvania Redistricting Lawsuit

Pennsylvania's 2011 congressional map is recognized as one of the starkest partisan gerrymanders in the country. On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania and individual voters from each of the 18 districts for the U.S. House of Representatives, in June 2017 we sued Pennsylvania's legislative leaders and related state agencies for violating the state constitution by manipulating the 2011 map to maintain a Republican majority and dilute the votes of Democrats. After the Pennsylvania Supreme Court stayed the case pending decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court about federal gerrymandering cases, we submitted an Application for Extraordinary Relief with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. That court granted our application and set an aggressive schedule, including five days of trial in December 2017. In 2018, the Supreme Court adopted a new map for the 2018 elections. We co-counselled in the case with Arnold & Porter.

### Ensuring Accountability in Philadelphia Elections

According to Pennsylvania state law, whenever a question related to a Home Rule Charter appears on a ballot, the President Judge of a county must appoint temporary election overseers to serve in the place of the City Commissioners. This law has not been followed in Philadelphia for at least 15 years. In March 2017, we represented the Committee of Seventy and several candidates for elected office in a lawsuit asking that the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas replace Philadelphia's City Commissioners with interim election officials for the May 2017 primary. The Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court rejected our claim.

## CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Our attorneys and staff gave presentations, led community education workshops and participated as speakers at 109 events that reached more than 5,700 people. Speaking topics ranged from voting rights to urban agriculture to education policy. Among other groups, we presented at a community forum hosted by state Senator Vincent Hughes, the Pennsylvania Department of State Voting Rights Summit, the American Bar Association, as well as a number of law schools, universities, and school districts.

## PUBLICATIONS

In 2017 we earned more than 210 media hits, with topics ranging from education and environmental rights to disability and voting rights. Among the publications in which we were featured were the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, the *Washington Post*, *Huffington Post*, and *The New York Times*.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

In 2017, 45 interns and volunteers and 119 pro bono attorneys increased our capacity and helped us serve more people. Annually we collaborate with peer organizations to live our mission. In 2017 such partners included Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, Educational Law Center-PA, PCCY, the Mayor's Food Policy Advisory Council, Fair Districts PA, Common Cause PA, the National Consumer Law Project, and the Philadelphia Bar Association, among others.

## **TAKE ACTION PHILLY**

In 2017, the Law Center was a founding member of Take Action Philly (TAP), an ongoing initiative that brings lawyers and advocates together to provide education and opportunities for action as new challenges arise that threaten Philadelphians. TAP's founding members also include the Philadelphia Bar Association, the City of Philadelphia, ACLU-Pennsylvania, Community Legal Services, HIAS-PA and the Mazzone Center. The coalition works to identify ways engage local leaders and advocates in response to federal and state policy decisions. Through this effort, TAP regularly convenes its members, other legal professionals, advocates and the general public for discussions of emerging challenges, with a focus on providing opportunities for meaningful civic action. Take Action Philly's first convening addressed changes in Immigrant and Refugee policy on the federal level. In 2017, it also sponsored convenings about Medicaid and race and policing.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

In 2016 and 2017 our board and staff worked together to prepare a new strategic plan, replacing the plan that had successfully guided us since 2011. The new plan prioritizes three strategic goals: 1) do the most important work; 2) strengthen our high-quality brand; and, 3) become financially sustainable. To accomplish these goals, we will: clarify our mission statement; develop a rubric for determining which cases best fit our capacity and goals; better align our marketing strategies with our mission; cultivate a positive work environment and establish competitive compensation policies; increase diversity of staff and board; increase board fundraising responsibilities; and investigate self-funding opportunities.

**Schedule B**(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.  
▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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Form 990 or 990-EZ

☒ 501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

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- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

- ☒ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	SAMUEL S. FELS FUND 1528 WALNUT STREET, SUITE 1002 PHILADELPHIA PA 19102	\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	GOLDEN RULE FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 658 CAMDEN ME 04843	\$ 45,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION 200 S.BROAD STREET, SUITE 1101 PHILADELPHIA PA 19102	\$ 30,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	KESSLER TOPAZ MELTZER & CHECK, LLP 280 KING OF PRUSSIA ROAD WAYNE PA 19087	\$ 30,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	PATRICIA KIND FAMILY FOUNDATION 717 BETHLEHEM PIKE, SUITE 160 ERDENHEIM PA 19038	\$ 45,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	BARBARA MCDOWELL & GERALD S.HARTMAN FOUNDATION 3607 WHISPERING LANE FALLS CHURCH VA 22041	\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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7	MERCK FAMILY TRUST P.O. BOX 870245 MILTON VILLAGE MA 02187	\$ 30,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	PA IOLTA BOARD 601 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, SUITE 2400 HARRISBURG PA 17106	\$ 110,340.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	PEPPER HAMILTON LLP 3000 TWO LOGAN SQUARE, 18TH & ARCH ST. PHILADELPHIA PA 19103	\$ 108,668.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	WILLIAM PENN FOUNDATION 1800 N.18TH STREET, 11TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA PA 19103	\$ 72,200.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11	WOODTIGER FUND P.O. BOX 66 ERWINNA PA 18920	\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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**Part III** Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

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STATEMENT OF LITIGATION – 2017<sup>1</sup>

Housing

1. *Mark Westbrook v. Richard Johnson (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas)*

Description of case: Complaint against individual who defrauded individual with intellectual disabilities out of his house.

Benefit to public generally: Hold abusive landlord to account for exploitation of disabled person.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

2. *Vazquez v. Gilbert, et al. (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas)*

Description of case: Suit against landlord and rental agent to enforce housing quality statutes.

Benefit to public generally: Develop case law to incentivize Philadelphia landlords to abide by housing quality laws.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

3. *Messier, et al. v. Southbury Training School, et al. (D. Conn.) F*

Description of case: Suit to correct institutional care system for persons with developmental disabilities at the Southbury Training School by securing opportunities for individuals to live in the community with appropriate services.

Benefit to public generally: Vindicate the constitutional and federal statutory rights of persons with developmental disabilities to live and work in the community and not in large congregate institutions.

Fees sought and recovered: \$227,775

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<sup>1</sup> Note that fees reported include only fees retained by the Public Interest Law Center and not fees shared with co-counsel.

4. *Delaware County Recorder of Deeds v. MERSCORP, Inc. n/k/a MERSCORP Holdings, Inc. (Commonwealth Court)*

Description of case: Amicus brief in a case that asserts that 21 P.S. § 351, a 300-year-old Pennsylvania law, requires MERSCORP and its member banks to publicly record each mortgage assignment and pay associated recording fees which benefit legal services and The Housing Trust Fund.

Benefit to public generally: Compel investors to record mortgage assignments in the county recorder's office, pay legally-mandated county recording fees, and provide information regarding the transfer of loans between lenders.

Fees sought and recovered: None

5. *Martin v. Levy Law LLC, et al. (E.D. PA)*

Description of case: Suit against law firm for landlord for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

Benefit to public generally: Holds lawyers accountable under federal debt collection laws who file eviction complaints when they are not entitled to possession or the collection of rent.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

6. *City of Philadelphia v. Rufo et al. (PA Supreme Court)*

Description of case: Amicus brief in support of City of Philadelphia in a case involving the validity of the City's Windows and Doors Ordinance which requires vacant buildings impacting blight in their community to have glazed windows and operative doors rather than boarded up windows and doors. The Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court held the provision unconstitutional on the ground that it does not advance safety and is solely for aesthetics.

Benefit to public generally: Disincentivize absentee landlords from cheaply shuttering up their buildings creating a negative impact on the surrounding community.

Fees sought and recovered: None

7. *Baker v. Glenn Ross PC (E.D. PA)*

Description of case: Class action lawsuit seeking to hold lawyers filing evictions accountable to federal law regulating the collection of consumer debt.

Benefit to public generally: Holds lawyers accountable under federal debt collection laws who file eviction complaints when they are not entitled to possession or the collection of rent.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

8. *Shiver v. Zenwirth et. al. (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas—demand letter)*

Description of case: Demand letter sent to the landlord and property manager for failing to maintain housing to standards of habitability.

Benefit to public generally: Seek to hold landlords and property managers accountable for the conditions of the property they maintain.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

**Healthcare**

9. *Woods v. Marler (E.D. PA)*

Description of case: Class action against the Federal Detention Center (FDC) of Philadelphia regarding prison visitation policy/practice, one of the most restrictive in the country. This policy is keeping people away from their children and the plaintiffs allege the policy for pre-trial detainees violates their First and Fifth Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution.

Benefit to public generally: Case seeks to provide a fair visitation policy for pre-trial detainees and their families.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

10. *Eiseman v. Department of Public Welfare (PA Right to Know Office)*

Description of case: Enforcement of court order compelling compliance with a Right to Know request seeking the amount that Medicaid HMOs and Medicaid Dental Subcontractors pay dentists for dental services provided to Medicaid recipients

Benefit to public generally: Case seeks transparency in the administration of public funds

Fees sought and recovered: \$25,000

**Employment**

11. *Davis v. Brightside Academy (EEOC)*

Description of case: Complaint on behalf of worker denied accommodation after extended medical leave.

Benefit to the public generally: Case seeks to enforce disability rights and to help individuals with disabilities access and remain in the workforce.

Fees sought and recovered: None

12. *Hutchins v. USPS (EEOC)*

Description of case: Complaint on behalf of worker with a disability denied reasonable accommodation in initial trial phase of employment.

Benefit to the public generally: Case seeks to enforce disability rights and to help individuals with disabilities access and remain in the workforce.

Fees sought and recovered: \$2,500

13. *Long v. SEPTA (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas)*

Description of case: Class action on behalf of people with criminal histories after they were denied employment by SEPTA in violation of state law.

Benefit to the public generally: To develop case law and promote public awareness of Pennsylvania's Criminal History Record Information Act, which states employers cannot consider convictions unrelated to a particular job in the hiring process.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

14. *Long v. SEPTA (E.D. PA)*

Description of case: Class action on behalf of people with criminal histories after they were denied employment by SEPTA in violation of federal and state law.

Benefit to the public generally: To develop case law and promote public awareness of federal credit reporting act which provides protections to prospective employees in the process of background checks.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

15. *Ronell Adams v. ARUBA Inc. v. SarahCare (Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas-demand letter)*

Description of case: Action on behalf of an individual with a criminal history after they were denied employment by nursing home providers in violation of state law.

Benefit to the public generally: To develop case law and promote public awareness of Pennsylvania's Criminal History Record Information Act, which states employers cannot consider convictions unrelated to a particular job in the hiring process.

Fees sought and recovered: \$3,690.80

16. *Harmon v. Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Board of Review*  
(Commonwealth Court)

Description of case: Amicus brief in support of appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court by individual who was unlawfully denied unemployment benefits by the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Board on the basis of a sentence of partial confinement.

Benefit to public generally: Promotes interpretation of state law which maximizes opportunity for people with criminal records to be connected to the workforce.

Fees sought and recovered: None

17. *Masterpiece Cake Shop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* (US Supreme Court)

Description of case: Amicus brief in a case before the United States Supreme Court, opposing a cake shop owner's claims that being required to serve a same sex couple under public accommodation laws violates his First Amendment of free speech and free exercise of religion.

Benefit to public generally: Support same sex couple's full access to public accommodations under the law; oppose court ruling that permits discrimination on First Amendment grounds.

Fees sought and recovered: None

18. *Samuel Heath v. Lowes* (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas)

Description of case: Lawsuit alleging a denial of employment on the basis of criminal history in violation of the Pennsylvania Criminal History Record Information Act (CHRIA).

Benefit to public generally: Case to ensure employers use lawful hiring practices and individuals with criminal outdated or unrelated criminal records have access to employment.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

**Public Education**

19. *William Penn School District, et al. v. Pennsylvania Department of Education, et al.*  
(Commonwealth Court)

Description of case: Challenge to state failure to provide adequate or fair funding of public education in violation of state constitution.

Benefit to the public generally: Ensure all Pennsylvania public school students receive access to a high-quality public education.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

20. *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District (U.S. Supreme Court)*

Description of case: Amicus brief on behalf of disability rights organizations in case involving standard for measuring benefit under federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Benefit to the public generally: Support argument that the education that public schools are required to provide students with disabilities significantly benefits the students.

Fees sought and recovered: None

21. *T.R. v. School District of Philadelphia (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas)*

Description of case: Class action alleging failure to provide translation and interpretation services to parents with limited English proficiency

Benefit to the public generally: Help parents of students in the School District of Philadelphia participate in their child's education by receiving needed translation and interpretation services.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

22. *C.H. v. School District of Philadelphia (E.D. PA)*

Description of case: Class action lawsuit alleging District's policy of not providing individualized Extended School Year services is unlawful.

Benefit to the public generally: Case seeks to remedy failure of school district to provide individualized services for tens of thousands of children with disabilities so they do not face regression caused by school breaks.

Fees sought and recovered: \$82,765

23. *Concerned African American Parents v. Upper Dublin School District (PA Human Relations Commission)*

Description of case: Complaint alleging race discrimination in tracking of classes and disproportionate suspension.

Benefits to the public generally: Supports the rights of African American students to receive an education without facing discrimination in discipline or curriculum.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

24. *Aniyah Holloway v. School District of Philadelphia (Office of Dispute Resolution)*

Description of case: Follow up to earlier case alleging failure by School District of Philadelphia to evaluate and develop appropriate services for child who is blind

Benefit to public generally: Case seeks to remedy the failure of the school district to provided needed services to students with disabilities.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

25. *Beradelli et al. v. DePaul School et al. (Third Circuit)*

Description of case: Amicus brief filed in support of a minor with a disability denied opportunity to use service dogs in schools.

Benefit to the public generally: Support the rights of students with disabilities to have reasonable accommodation in school

Fees sought and recovered: None



**Environmental Justice**

26. *Centro Incorporated D/B/A Catholic Worker v. Mayrone LLC (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas)*

Description of case: Quiet title action to secure ownership of vacant land used as community farm through adverse possession

Benefits to the public generally: Allow *de facto* superintendents of community garden to continue using it.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

27. *Hanible v. Zoning Board of Adjustment and NH Properties LP regarding Tower Development (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas)*

Description of case: Intervention on behalf of community group in appeal to zoning board challenging approval of proposed development.

Benefits to the public generally: Provide residents of Hawthorne neighborhood a chance to voice opinions on potentially negative impact of development project.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

28. *City of Philadelphia v. LeRoy McCrae (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas)*

Description of case: Petition to intervene on behalf of Farm 51 and for stay of sheriff's sale

Benefits to the public generally: Allow existence of market farm to continue, benefitting West Philadelphia community.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing.

29. *EQT Production Co. v. DEP (PA Supreme Court)*

Description of case: Amicus brief in support of an appeal by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) challenging a Commonwealth Court interpretation of the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law unduly limiting the dollar amount of penalties that may be collected for discharge of industrial waste.

Benefit to public generally: Secure communities' access to the fundamental resource of clean water.

Fees sought and recovered: None

30. *New Jerusalem v. Thomas Golder & Hilda Myers (Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas)*

Description of case: Quiet title action to secure title of vacant land used as a community garden through adverse possession.

Benefits to the public generally: Allow *de facto* superintendents of community garden to continue using it.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing

**Voting**

31. *Committee of Seventy, et al. v. President Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper (in her official capacity) (Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas)*

Description of case: Challenge to failure by President Judge to appoint overseers to replace Philadelphia City Commissioners in violation of state law which requires them to do so whenever a question related to a Home Rule Charter appears on a ballot.

Benefit to public generally: Prevent potential conflicts of interest in election oversight

Fees sought and recovered: None

32. *League of Women Voters, et al. v. Commonwealth of PA, et al. (Commonwealth Court)*

Description of case: Lawsuit challenging Pennsylvania's 2011 congressional map as an egregious partisan gerrymander in violation of the state constitution.

Benefit to public generally: Ensure that congressional maps are representative of their constituencies, and discourage partisan redistricting plans that are antithetical to democracy.

Fees sought and recovered: Case ongoing