



# Annual Report

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Who We Are

**FACT: 80% of the civil legal needs of the poor are not being met.**

-The American Bar Association

## Who's Left Behind?

- **Women and children** victimized by domestic violence do not get the legal help they desperately need.
- Our **returning soldiers** fail to get the support they need with housing, employment and health issues.
- **Families** are forced into homelessness by wrongful eviction and preventable foreclosures.
- The **elderly and poor** have no recourse when they fall prey to scams in the marketplace
- The **disabled** are discriminated against without the representation they need to protect their rights.

These are the people **Equal Justice America** goes to bat for every day by putting law students and lawyers to work for legal aid programs across the country!

Equal Justice America is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established in 1993. EJA has become a national leader in providing opportunities for law students to work with organizations that deliver civil legal services to those most in need. Our efforts expose a new generation of future lawyers to the urgency for pro bono assistance to our most vulnerable citizens. Students at more than 100 law schools now have the opportunity to take part in the Equal Justice America Fellowship Program.



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**What We've Done**

## **Fellowships & Grants**

Equal Justice America has sponsored fellowships for more than 4,500 law students to work with over 500 legal services organizations across the country. Interning under the supervision of experienced attorneys, our fellowship recipients have provided crucial assistance to low-income clients struggling through the complexities of our civil justice system.

EJA has paid out more than \$11.5 million in grants and has provided approximately 1.6 million hours of free legal services with programs that work to protect the rights of the poor.

## **Post-graduate Fellowships**

**Fighting for Immigrants' Rights:** Our nation's immigrants are under attack. Today we proudly sponsor two-year \$130,000 EJA Immigration Fellowships for recent law graduates at the Legal Assistance Foundation in Chicago, and Ayuda in Washington, DC. In September 2019, new EJA Immigration Fellowships will begin at Greater Boston Legal Services and Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, where our EJA Fellow will work in the nation's largest immigration detention facility. EJA Immigration Fellows work tirelessly to secure asylum and citizenship status, reunite families, and fight for justice for our immigrant communities.

**The Brian Lewinstein Youth Justice Fellowship:** In August 2018, the EJA community lost a brilliant young scholar and passionate social justice advocate in a tragic accident. Brian Lewinstein was a Berkeley law student and Summer 2018 EJA Fellow who worked at the East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) defending the rights of young people at-risk of entering the criminal justice system. To honor Brian, EJA will create a permanent Brian Lewinstein chair at EBCLC. Beginning in September 2019, we will always have a Berkeley law graduate working full-time in Brian's name on the issues he most cared about.

## **Disability Rights Clinic & Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) Project**

**Clinic Sponsorships to protect the rights of People with Disabilities and Victims of Domestic Violence:** In September 2000, Pace University Law School established the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic. The EJA Clinic advocates for special education and assists clients in securing life-sustaining health care benefits. Since 1997 EJA has sponsored the Yale Law School Temporary Restraining Order Project to protect victims of domestic violence from their abusers.





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### Legal Aid Testimonials



“In times when law students worry about their employment prospects, I know that Ramon [Becerra Alcantar’s] drive, work ethic, humility, and mind distinguishes him from his peers. I, myself, have benefitted from fellowships like the Equal Justice America fellowship and know that the fellowships allowed me to enter public service directly from law school. I am confident that any organization blessed enough to have Ramon as an intern and future attorney will benefit from the training and exposure to issues facing low-income clients he received in his summer at [East Bay Community Law Center]. Ramon will find a way to make a contribution to the legal community and to his community. My sincerest hope is that he further develops as an advocate with further public service opportunities. Having Ramon as a fellow member of the bar and as a fellow public interest advocate would be an honor. I would strongly and enthusiastically support whatever future endeavor he sets his mind on and thank Equal Justice America for funding his summer with EBCLC.”

**Theo L. Cuison**, Deputy Director and Clinical Supervisor Immigration Unit



“Amy [Chin-Arroyo] displayed a positive attitude. No matter the assignment, Amy worked diligently and quickly. She never shied away from asking questions. Her finished work products were organized and well edited. Amy was also empathetic and in-tune to the unique struggles faced by immigrant children. The EJA fellowships make it possible for hard-working, compassionate law students, like Amy, to gain experience on the frontlines of justice and building lasting professional connections. Amy was a joy to work with [at HIAS Pennsylvania], and has a bright future ahead of her as an advocate for the most vulnerable in our communities.”

**Stephanie Lubert**, Supervising Attorney



“Noah [Lingwall] improved his research and writing skills by working on several large-scale writing assignments and a number of other discrete research questions. For one client, he completed an entire trafficking visa package that included a cover letter, affidavits, and multiple exhibits....Since many of these assignments occurred within a tight timeframe, he learned how to prioritize, organize, and complete work under pressure. Noah’s internship [at the Legal Aid Society] also offered him the opportunity to learn how to interface with clients from a range of backgrounds, many of whom suffered from trauma resulting from their trafficking experiences. In these situations, he gained a strong sense of how to speak confidently and compassionately to clients in great need of advocacy. Quite simply, Noah is the best intern I have ever had. His professionalism, empathy for clients, and eagerness to excel in everything he did was truly exemplary. We are very grateful to have hosted him this summer.”

**Sabrina Talukder**, Supervising Attorney



“The funding provided by Equal Justice America allowed Scottie [Fralin] to make the commute from Richmond to Petersburg every day without the worry of the added financial costs. The funding counteracts the difficulty of attracting law students to work [at Central Virginia Legal Aid Society] in Petersburg due to the greater number of opportunities available in Richmond and other cities that do not involve lengthy commutes.”

**Christopher P. Bernhardt**, Staff Attorney



“Mary [Rincon] is a natural leader who has been very responsible, professional, and thoughtful about her comments and reactions to her fellow staff -- attorneys, paralegals, social workers, support staff, and other interns -- and her insights and constructive assistance have always been very well-reasoned and skillfully crafted. These skills should aid Mary in any endeavor where team work and a collegial atmosphere are priorities. Mary has demonstrated the clear commitment and intellectual acuity to make her a great advocate, and she has dedicated all of her professional efforts thus far to helping the poor and disenfranchised to better their lives. We are very grateful to the foundation for providing the financial assistance that allowed Mary to spend her summer with us. This support from EJA was a critical factor that facilitated Mary being able to further develop her skills in serving the low income clients of Community Legal Services.”

**Robert Lukens**, Intake Unit Supervisor



“Javionte [Johnson] was a major asset to the Legal Department [at the Community Service Society] this summer. Under my supervision, he conducted the direct examination at two administrative hearings, leading us to win both proceedings. He also drafted a sealing motion for a client, and completed various legal research assignments in support of our work. It was a pleasure working with Javionte, and I am grateful to EJA for providing financial support for his internship. I look forward to watching where his law school career and future work take him.”

**Emily Hoffman**, Staff Attorney



“Overall I was extremely impressed with McKenzie [Way’s] work ethic and her level of effectiveness. She is compassionate, hard-working, highly intelligent and committed to working on behalf of vulnerable populations. I think she learned a lot during her time here [at Greater Boston Legal Services] and she fit into our office seamlessly. She was an absolute pleasure to work with and I know she will be an excellent attorney. Any legal office will be very lucky to have someone with her skills and demeanor. I am very grateful to EJA for helping McKenzie to work on behalf of our clients this summer.”

**Ellen Shachter**, Senior Attorney



“Keiler [Beers] assisted me in every aspect of my juvenile criminal defense work [at the Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights]. He met with clients, assisted with court hearings, did investigation (notably interviewing a complaining witness in a serious and difficult case in Spanish), he wrote case summaries, developed investigation plans, developed social work service plans, and provided essential legal research for my cases. Keiler is smart, hard-working, and has a deep respect for our clients. He is committed to social justice reform and his kindness and humor make him an ideal colleague. I am certain that Keiler is going to be a change agent in criminal justice reform. His work with us this summer made clear that he will be an attorney for whom his clients are proud and privileged to have.”

**Mary Murphy**, Staff Attorney



“Sponsoring public service provides the most poor and vulnerable in our communities with access to the justice system when in danger of domestic violence, the denial of critical benefits such as Medicaid and Social Security, eviction from a nursing home, and losing custody of their children to an abusive parent. Facing such problems without a lawyer can be disastrous. Our clients [at the Legal Services of Northern Virginia] are typically under a lot of stress. Ms. [Hamna] Ahmad was always kind and courteous to our clients. She treated them with respect and dignity. She never criticized or judged them for being in a difficult situation. She was a true professional. It was an absolute pleasure to work with Ms. Ahmad and we are so grateful for the service she provided to our community, and for the Equal Justice America Law Student Fellowship and its supporters.”

**Beth McCord**, Staff Attorney





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### Law Student Testimonials



**Gabriela Ibanez-Alers**  
Florida Coastal  
School of Law

“I never realized how much legal aid could assist during and after a major disaster. Something that may seem daunting or take months to complete to most individuals, could easily be accomplished with the help of an attorney. My experience working at Three Rivers Legal Services was humbling, knowing that my efforts this summer helping those affected by the hurricane actually made a difference. I know that the work I did this summer helped others for the better. I thought my proudest moment was when I got accepted into Law School but this summer I realized my proudest moment now was being able to help those affected by the hurricane that were still struggling to get back on their feet.”

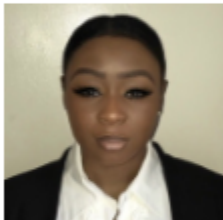
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**Noah Lingwall**  
University of Virginia  
School of Law

“I would like to begin by extending my deep gratitude to Equal Justice America for granting me a Summer 2018 Fellowship. As a student who is financing law school entirely through student loans, this Fellowship truly made the difference in allowing me to live and work in New York City this summer. Thank you so much for supporting my unforgettable internship with the Legal Aid Society and offering me the opportunity to gain an experience that will shape the rest of my legal career.”

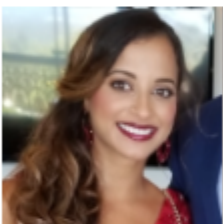
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**Ariel Cox**  
Cardozo School of Law

“Although I have learned so many things over the course of the summer, one of the greatest lessons I have learned is the meaning behind genuine empathy. When people tell you that they had a stroke, have a disability, or have a frightening diagnosis, it’s extremely easy to offer sympathy without really being able to relate to them. After being exposed to various kinds of legal hardships on people who really should only be worrying about the severity of their diagnoses, I gained a greater understanding about what it means to be empathetic to someone in need. Working with [the New York Legal Assistance Group] this summer has helped confirm my passion in law and commitment to helping other people.”

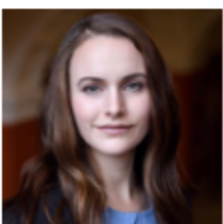
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**Ruth E. Garbanzo**  
South Texas College  
of Law

“I am truly grateful for EJA supporting my internship opportunity at Catholic Charities. I have always been interested in pursuing a career in immigration law. My internship with Catholic Charities made this interest that much stronger. As frustrating and difficult a time we currently are facing in immigration law, I am thankful to being working alongside an organization that not only seeks to fight to protect the rights of immigrants, but who also strives to make the community aware and who encourages change for the betterment of our community and for our country.”

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**Makenzie Way**  
University of Pennsylvania  
Law School

“I could not have asked for a better summer internship [at Greater Boston Legal Services] to finish off my first year of law school. Not only did I learn an excessive amount in a short period of time, my respect for the people who do this work also deepened tenfold. I’m beyond grateful for everything Equal Justice America did to make this summer possible for me, and for the knowledge that from here on out I will remain part of the Equal Justice America Fellowship network!”



**Keiler Beers**  
University of California,  
Los Angeles School of Law

“I am confident that I want to spend the rest of my professional career working on this issue... I am grateful that this summer [at the Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights] provided me the space and opportunity to be able to delve into this work in such a supportive and educational context. I am especially grateful that Equal Justice America made it possible for me to do so without having to feel like I was sacrificing my own financial well-being at the same time.”



**Victoria Sexton**  
Georgetown University  
Law Center

“Thank you and everyone at Equal Justice America (EJA) for your support this summer. My EJA fellowship allowed me the opportunity to fulfill my dreams and obtain and create new career goals. This summer I had the privilege of being an EJA Law Fellow at Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida (CCLA). CCLA is located in my home town, Plantation Florida, and has a talented and knowledgeable family law unit comprised of several experienced and zealous attorneys. Over my ten week internship, I worked closely with two attorneys in the family law unit who work under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant. Most of the clients we assisted were survivors of domestic violence or other crimes who are now seeking civil legal services because of their victimization. My experience as a EJA Law Fellow at CCLA has tremendously helped me grow as a person and as a professional legal advocate for those in most need.”



**Jackson Wimberly**  
University of Chicago  
Law School

“For the past six weeks, I’ve been interning with LAF’s Consumer Practice Group, providing free civil legal services to low-income people across Chicago and its suburbs. I’m so grateful to Equal Justice America (“EJA”) for funding my summer fellowship with LAF. EJA makes it possible for law students like me to accept public interest internships by providing funding for summer and post-grad fellowships. Often, students who want to take public interest positions over the summer are unable to afford the experience because they have to find external funding to support them, and internships like these demonstrate to many law students that they really do belong in the non-profit sector, despite the pay cut.”



**Elizabeth Alva-Rajakumar**  
Loyola Law School,  
Los Angeles

“Listening to the stories of the trauma they endured in their home countries and seeing the heartbreaking images on the news constantly reminds me of how necessary it is for everyone to be an advocate for immigrant communities. Migration is beautiful and at the end of the day, we are all immigrants. It is the most humbling and rewarding experience to work with those [in the Immigrants’ Rights Project at Public Counsel] whose only wish is to remain in this country and be safe and happy. I am so thankful to be able to do this work with the support of Equal Justice America.”



**Emily Lopynski**  
University of Richmond  
School of Law

“I am grateful to have had the breadth and depth of exposure to the legal profession. I am also grateful to the gracious and generous attorneys at Legal Aid Justice Center who coached me, reviewed and critiqued my work, and encouraged me throughout the summer. I am grateful, as well, for the kindness and generosity of the EJA team and sponsors. Thank you for supporting my public interest career.”





**Equal Justice America  
Law Student Fellowships**

**Fellowships Sponsored by Equal Justice America  
Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

**Law Student Fellowships  
Fall 2017/Spring 2018**

- Meghan Brooks, Yale University Law School, New Haven Legal Assistance Association TRO Project, Fall
- Brendan Costello, Yale University Law School, New Haven Legal Assistance Association TRO Project, Fall
- Liz Fisher, New York University School of Law, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A, Fall
- Alejandro Machin, Suffolk University Law School, Greater Boston Legal Services, Spring
- Danielle Marryshow, Yale University Law School, New Haven Legal Assistance Association TRO Project, Fall
- Sandra Molinari, DePaul University, Chicago Legal Clinic, Fall
- Jason Pedraza, New York University School of Law, Advocates for Children of New York, Fall
- Farryal Siddiqui, Cornell Law School, Greater Boston Legal Services – Immigration Unit, Fall
- Chloe Sommers, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Spring
- Eleanor Umphres, Georgetown University Law Center, Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts, Fall
- Erin van Wesenbeeck, Yale University Law School, New Haven Legal Assistance Association TRO Project, Fall
- Orlando Villa, Santa Clara University School of Law, Bay Area Legal Aid, San Jose, Fall
- Norma Volkmer, William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Fall
- Elise Wander, Yale University Law School, New Haven Legal Assistance Association TRO Project, Fall

## Law Student Fellowships Summer 2018

- Hamna Ahmad, University of Virginia, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Arlington
- Ashley Alcantara, University of Texas, Texas Civil Rights Project, Austin
- Jeremy Allen-Arney, George Washington University, The Legal Aid Society – Civil Division, NYC
- Elizabeth Alva-Rajakumar, Loyola Los Angeles, Public Counsel – Immigrant’s Rights Project, Los Angeles
- Cynthia Anaya, Santa Clara University, Legal Advocates for Children and Youth, San Jose, CA
- Mary Ang, Cornell Law School, New York Legal Assistance Group - Matrimonial and Family Law Unit
- Jonathan Arm, Cornell Law School, Volunteer Lawyers Project at the Brooklyn Bar Association
- Alicia Arman, Cornell Law School, East Bay Community Law Center – Health and Welfare Clinic, Berkeley
- Charlotte Armour, Boston University, Greater Boston Legal Services – Family Law Unit
- Lily Austin, Temple University, Philadelphia Legal Assistance – Unemployment Compensation Unit
- Christina Avalos, UCLA, ACLU of Southern California, Los Angeles
- Maya Avci, Chicago Kent College of Law, Greater Boston Legal Services – Immigration Unit
- Clare Balawajder, Regent University, Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia, Williamsburg
- Isela Banuelos, Columbia University, East Bay Community Law Center – Education, Defense and Justice for Youth Clinic, Berkeley
- Zachary Barker, Columbia University, New York Legal Assistance Group - Consumer Protection Unit
- Brittany Barnett, University of Richmond, Legal Aid Justice Center, Charlottesville
- Ramon Becerra-Alcantar, UC Hastings, East Bay Community Law Center – Immigration Unit, Berkeley
- Keiler Beers, UCLA, Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights, New Orleans
- Erica Bilkis, George Washington University, First Shift Justice Project, DC
- Sarah Bleiberg, University of Pennsylvania, Public Justice Foundation, Washington, DC
- Chelsea Blocklin, UC Hastings, East Bay Community Law Center – Housing Clinic, Berkeley
- Tara Boghosian, Harvard Law School, National Center for Law and Economic Justice, NYC
- Antoinette Bolz, John Marshall Law School, Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights
- Alexandra Boyer, Duquesne University, Jewish Family and Community Services – Immigration Legal Services department, Pittsburgh
- Tyler Braun, William & Mary, Parents Engaged for Learning Equality (PELE) Special Education Advocacy Clinic at William & Mary Law School, Williamsburg



- Whitney Braunstein, New York University, New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice
- Elizabeth "Rosie" Brown, UCLA, The Wage Justice Center, Los Angeles
- Daniel Bujan, University of Miami, Bay Area Legal Aid – Re-entry Unit, Oakland
- Maddy Bullard, Stanford Law School, Alaska Legal Services Corporation, Anchorage
- Brittany Burnham, Suffolk University, Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, Cambridge, MA
- Betsy Byra, Boston University, MetroWest Legal Services, Framingham, MA
- Megan Cai, William & Mary, Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia, Hampton
- Daniela Calabro, Fordham University, Lincoln Square Legal Services – Federal Tax Clinic, NYC
- Matthew Caponi, University of Texas, Refugee Services of Texas – Immigration Legal Services Program, Austin
- Jian (Jack) Chai, Columbia University, New York Legal Assistance Group – Consumer Protection Unit
- Arielle Chapnick, American University, Ayuda, Washington, DC
- Rachel Chazin-Gray, UC Hastings, Bay Area Legal Aid – Family Law/Domestic Violence Unit, San Francisco
- Loren Chen, Suffolk University, Greater Boston Legal Services – Asian Outreach Unit
- Maya Cherayil, Boston College, Neighborhood Legal Services Program – Barriers to Employment Unit, Washington, DC
- Amy Chin-Arroyo, Temple University, HIAS Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- Connie Cho, Harvard Law School, Bay Area Legal Aid – Economic Justice and Medical Legal Partnership Team, Oakland
- Celeste Corrales Russano, University of Florida, Florida Legal Services, Newberry
- Ariel Cox, Cardozo School of Law, New York Legal Assistance Group – LegalHealth Unit
- Jake Crammer, Notre Dame Law School, Southern Poverty Law Center – Economic Justice Practice Group, Montgomery, AL
- Dylan Crary, UC Berkeley, Public Counsel – Opportunity Under Law Unit, Los Angeles
- Ellis Darby, University of Virginia, New York Legal Assistance Group – LGBTQ Law Project
- Beth Daviess, University of Chicago, Roger Baldwin Foundation/ACLU of Illinois
- Salomon De Los Angeles, DePaul University, Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF) – Immigrants and Workers' Rights Practice Group
- Alexis Del Rio, St. Mary's University, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, San Antonio
- Suzy Deuster, University of Virginia, Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts, Boston
- Megha Dharia, Fordham University, Lincoln Square Legal Services, NYC
- Laura Diaz, UC Hastings, California Rural Legal Assistance, Oakland
- Michael Divers, Cornell Law School, Greater Boston Legal Services – Immigration Unit
- Charlene Donfack, University of Pittsburgh, Education Law Center, Pittsburgh
- John Dorsey, Washington & Lee University, Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Richmond
- Martin Drake, Harvard Law School, Greater Boston Legal Services – Employment Unit

- Xiaoyu Duan, Columbia University, New York Legal Assistance Group – Mobile Legal Help Center
- Sukanya Dutta, Columbia University, New York Legal Assistance Group - LegalHealth Unit
- Tom Dwyer, Notre Dame Law School, Sargent Shriver Poverty Law Center, Chicago
- Sean Eagan, New York University, Bronx Defenders – Civil Action Practice
- Jaclyn Ellwein, Loyola University of Chicago, Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF) – Children and Families Practice Group
- Matthew Erle, UCLA, Bet Tzedek Legal Services – Employment Rights Project, Los Angeles
- Lauren Faris, Columbia University, Center for Children’s Advocacy, Hartford, CT
- David Fegley, University of Michigan, Legal Services of South Central Michigan
- Taylor Feher, Santa Clara University, Community Legal Services, Norwalk, CA
- Kristopher Fernandez, Duke University, Legal Aid of North Carolina, Raleigh
- Bridget Flynn, Chicago Kent College of Law, Center for Disability and Elder Law, Chicago
- Scottie Fralin, University of Richmond, Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Petersburg
- Ruth Garbanzo, South Texas College of Law, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston – Cabrini Center for Immigration Legal Assistance
- Olivia Gee, UC Berkeley, East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley
- Sarah Gehring, George Washington University, Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Prestonsburg
- Ashli Giles-Perkins, Loyola University of Chicago, Advocates for Children of New York
- Harjyot Gill, UC Berkeley, East Bay Community Law Center – Community Economic Justice Center, Berkeley
- Felipe Gonzalez, DePaul University, Metropolitan Family Services – Domestic Violence Team, Chicago
- Zalondria Graham, UCLA, Immigration Defenders Law Center, Los Angeles
- Jessica Greenstein, University of the District of Columbia, DC Law Students in Court – Civil Protection Order Project
- Maryam Gueye, George Washington University, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless
- Haleigh Haffner, Loyola University of Chicago, Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF) - Children and Families Practice Group
- Elise Hahn, Duquesne University, Women’s Center and Shelter, Pittsburgh
- Emma Halas-O’Connor, Northeastern University, Greater Boston Legal Services – Housing and Employment Units
- Yesol Han, UC Berkeley, East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley
- Elizabeth Hannah, Stanford Law School, ACLU Foundation of Florida, Miami
- Grace Harris, Temple University, AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- Carly Helman, Loyola University of Chicago, Equip for Equality – Special Education Clinic, Chicago
- Katherine Herold, New York University, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A – Group Representation Unit

- Cyril Heron, Cornell Law School, Unemployment Action Center – NYU School of Law
- Caroline Hirst, Stanford Law School, Youth Law Center, San Francisco
- Hung (Duey) Ho, Columbia University, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A – Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Austin Howard, Cardozo School of Law, New York Legal Assistance Group – Public Benefits Unit
- Sacred Huff, George Washington University, Bread for the City, DC
- Gabriela Ibanez-Alers, Florida Coastal School of Law, Three Rivers Legal Services, Jacksonville
- Assumpta Iheaso, South Texas College of Law, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston – Cabrini Center for Immigration Legal Assistance
- Elizabeth Ildefonso, Brooklyn Law School, Safe Horizon – Domestic Violence Law Project, Brooklyn
- Amanda Insalaco, DePaul University, Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF) – Housing Practice Group, Chicago
- Ben Jackson, Chicago Kent College of Law, Upsolve – Access to Justice Tech Fellow, Brooklyn
- Walter Jean-Jacques, Notre Dame Law School, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, NYC
- Marissa Jeffery, University of Texas, Texas Legal Services Center – Austin Medical-Legal Partnership
- Javionte Johnson, Brooklyn Law School, Community Service Society of New York
- Victoria Johnson, Boston University, Greater Boston University – Criminal Record Expungement Unit
- Laura Jones, UCLA, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid
- Priscille Kazadi, University of Texas, Texas Advocacy Project, Austin
- Aryian Kohandel, Fordham University, Lincoln Square Legal Services, NYC
- Maggie Kopel, University of Pennsylvania, Colorado Legal Services, Denver
- Kaeleen Kosmo, University of Pittsburgh, Neighborhood Legal Services Association, Pittsburgh
- Jacob Kovalsky, Notre Dame Law School, Bay Area Legal Aid – Consumer Protection Division, San Francisco
- Allison Kruschke, Michigan State University, Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee
- Samantha (Sam) Kulhanek, University of Michigan, Human Trafficking Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School
- Alli Langley, Columbia University, New Hampshire Legal Assistance
- Hannah Lazarz, UCLA, Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles
- Kelsey Lee, University of Pennsylvania, Children’s Rights, NYC
- Paul Leroux, New York University, The Family Center - Legal Wellness Institute, Brooklyn
- Deborah Levine, Fordham University, Lincoln Square Legal Services – Family Advocacy Clinic, NYC
- Brian Lewinstein, UC Berkeley, East Bay Community Law Center – Education, Defense & Justice for Youth Clinic



- Jialu Li, Cornell Law School, Unemployment Action Center – NYU School of Law
- Tina Lin, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A – Community and Economic Development Program
- Noah Lingwall, University of Virginia, The Legal Aid Society – Civil Practice, NYC
- Hetali Lodaya, University of Michigan, Public Counsel, Los Angeles
- Justine Longa, Rutgers University, Disability Rights New Jersey
- Thania Lopez, Santa Clara University, Eviction Defense Collaborative, San Francisco
- Victor Lopez, Columbia University, Lambda Legal, NYC
- Emily Lopynski, University of Richmond, Legal Aid Justice Center, Richmond
- Yixian Lu, Cornell Law School, Legal Assistance Western New York, Rochester
- Caitlin Machell, University of Texas, The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Washington, DC
- Beth Macnab, University of Chicago, Lambda Legal, Chicago
- Pretty Martinez, Temple University, ACLU of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- Sarah Maserang, University of North Carolina, Council for Children’s Rights – Individual Advocacy Team, Charlotte
- Tara McCortney, Harvard Law School, Greater Boston Legal Services – Elder, Health and Disability Unit
- Brandon McFarlane, University of Richmond, Central Virginia Legal Aid Society
- Heather McLinn, Rutgers University, The Legal Aid Society – Prisoners Rights Project, NYC
- Frank Medina, UCLA, Public Counsel, Los Angeles
- Emma Melton, DePaul University, Community Activism Law Alliance, Chicago
- Ryan Mendias, New York University, Brooklyn Defender Services – Family Defense Practice
- Jennifer Mendoza, University of Washington, Southern Poverty Law Center – Immigrant Justice Practice Group, Atlanta, GA
- Sabrina Merold, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Legal Assistance - - Public Benefits Unit
- Taylor Mitchell, University of Virginia, Legal Aid Justice Center – Civil Rights and Racial Justice Program, Charlottesville
- Sricharitha (Cherry) Mullaguru, Harvard Law School, Greater Boston Legal Services – Consumer Rights Unit
- Gianna Nappi, Northeastern University, Greater Boston Legal Services – Elder, Health and Disability Unit
- Colin Nardone, University of Illinois, Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF) – Housing Practice Group
- Natalie Neill, University of Texas, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Survivor Centered Economic Advocacy Team, Austin
- Oliver Ness, Fordham University, Lincoln Square Legal Services – Federal Tax Clinic, NYC
- Hannah O’Keefe, Loyola University of Chicago, Legal Aid Service of Collier County, Immokalee, FL
- Annika Olson, Boston College, Greater Boston Legal Services – Elder Justice Unit

- Sarah Ottone, Georgetown University, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia – Public Benefits Unit
- Lina Pan, Columbia University, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A – Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Priscilla Parada, University of La Verne, East Bay Community Law Center – Immigration Unit, Berkeley
- Michelle Park, Southwestern Law School, Public Counsel, Los Angeles
- Micah Parnell, Boston College, Greater Boston Legal Services – Elder, Health and Disability Unit
- Desiree Pelletier, Boston University, Greater Boston Legal Services – Housing Unit
- Karissa Phelps, Temple University, Support Center for Child Advocates, Philadelphia
- Maritza Ponce, Santa Clara University, Western Center on Law & Poverty, Sacramento
- Anna Porter, University of Chicago, Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF) – Immigrants’ And Workers’ Rights Practice Group
- Jessica Posada, Fordham University, Lincoln Square Legal Services – Consumer Litigation Clinic, NYC
- Rosalia Quam-Wickham, George Washington University, Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, Cambridge, MA
- David Raban, University of Chicago, Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic of the University of Chicago Law School – Civil Rights Police Accountability Clinic
- Alex (Alexandra) Rabasco, Northeastern University, Greater Boston Legal Services – Elder, Health and Disability Unit
- Juan Ramirez Rodriguez, Rutgers University, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles – Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
- Caroline Ramsey, University of Virginia, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia
- Monica Ramsy, UC Berkeley, Public Counsel – Immigrant’s Rights Project, Los Angeles
- Omar Rana, Rutgers University, The Legal Aid Society – Juvenile Practice, NYC
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- City Bar Justice Center, New York, NY
- The City Project, Los Angeles
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- Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking, Los Angeles, CA
- Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida, Plantation, FL
- Colorado Legal Services
- Columbia Legal Services, Seattle, WA
- Columbian American Service Association
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- Commonwealth Catholic Charities, Refugee & Immigrant Services, Roanoke, VA
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- Community Activism Law Alliance, Chicago, IL
- Community Health Advocates, New York, NY
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- Community Justice Project, Pittsburgh/Harrisburg, PA
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- Connecticut Fair Housing Center, Hartford, CT
- Connecticut Legal Services
- Cook County Public Guardian's Office, Chicago, IL
- Cornell Legal Aid Clinic, Ithaca, NY
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- Covenant House, Washington, DC
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- Disability Rights Advocates, Berkeley, CA
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- Equal Rights Advocates, San Francisco, CA
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- Equip for Equality, Chicago, IL
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- Eviction Defense Collaborative, San Francisco, CA
- Fair Housing Law Project, San Jose, CA
- Fair Housing of Marin, San Rafael, CA
- Fair Housing Rights Center, Glenside, PA
- Fairfax Bar Pro Bono Program, Fairfax, VA
- Family Advocacy Program, Boston Medical Center
- The Family Center, Brooklyn, NY
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- Farmworker Legal Services of New York
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- Florida Legal Services
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- Homeless Advocacy Project, San Francisco, CA
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- Housing Conservation Coordinators, New York, NY
- Housing Preservation Project, St. Paul, MN
- Housing Rights Center, Los Angeles, CA
- Housing Works, New York, NY
- Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Dallas
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- Illinois Migrant Legal Assistance (a project of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago)
- Immigrant & Refugee Appellate Center, Alexandria, VA
- Immigrant Defenders Law Center, Los Angeles
- Immigrant Defense Project, New York, NY
- Immigrant Legal Center, Boulder, CO
- Immigrant Legal Resources Center, San Francisco, CA
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- inMotion, Bronx, NY
- Inner City Law Center, Los Angeles, CA
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- International House, Charlotte, NC
- International Institute of the East Bay, Oakland, CA
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- Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, Chicago, IL
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Boston, MA
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- Learning Rights Law Center, Los Angeles, CA
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- Legal Action of Wisconsin
- Legal Advocacy Center of Central Florida
- Legal Advocacy and Resource Center, Boston
- Legal Advocates for Children and Youth, San Jose, CA
- Legal Aid at Work, San Francisco
- Legal Aid Association, Detroit, MI
- Legal Aid Bureau, Chicago, IL
- Legal Aid of Central Texas
- Legal Aid Clinic, St. Louis University Law School
- Legal Aid & Defender Service, Pontiac, MI
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- Legal Services of the Blue Ridge, Boone, NC
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- Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, Somerville, NJ
- Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA
- Legal Services of South Central Michigan
- Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, Charlotte, NC
- Legal Voice, Seattle, WA
- Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, New York, NY
- Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center, Los Angeles
- Lifespan Legal Services, Chicago, IL
- Lincoln Square Legal Services at Fordham Law School – Consumer Litigation Clinic
- Lone Star Legal Aid, Galveston/Houston, TX
- Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice
- Los Angeles County Neighborhood Legal Services
- Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers Inc.
- Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights, New Orleans
- Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic, Los Angeles
- Loyola Law Clinic, New Orleans, LA
- Lutheran Family and Community Services, New York, NY
- Lutheran Family Services of Virginia
- Lutheran Social Services of New York, NYC
- Make the Road New York
- Make the Road by Walking, Brooklyn, NY
- Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, University of Chicago Law School
- Manhattan Legal Services, New York, NY
- Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, Baltimore
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- Mental Health Advocacy Services, Los Angeles, CA
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- Michigan Unemployment Insurance Project, Ann Arbor, MI
- Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, Minneapolis, MN
- Migrant Justice, Burlington, VT
- Migrant Legal Action Program, Washington, DC
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- Milwaukee Justice Center
- Minnesota AIDS Project
- Minnesota Legal Services Coalition
- Mississippi Center for Justice, Indianola, MS
- Montana Legal Services Association
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- My Sister's Place, Washington, DC
- NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, New York, NY
- Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, NY
- Nassau Suffolk Law Services Committee, NY
- National Center for Law and Economic Justice, New York, NY
- National Center for Lesbian Rights, San Francisco, CA/Washington, DC
- National Center for Youth Law, Oakland/San Francisco, CA
- National Employment Law Project, New York, NY/Berkeley, CA
- National Health Law Program, Los Angeles, CA
- National Housing Law Project, San Francisco, CA
- National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL
- National Immigration Law Center, Los Angeles
- National Immigration Project, Boston, MA
- National Juvenile Justice Center, Washington, DC
- National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, Washington, DC
- National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA), Washington, DC
- National Senior Citizens Law Center, Los Angeles, CA
- National Women's Law Center, Washington, DC
- Nationalities Service Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Native Lands Institute, Albuquerque, NM
- Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, East Boston, MA
- Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic
- Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem
- Neighborhood Law Project, Madison, WI
- Neighborhood Legal Services, Lawrence/Lynn, MA
- Neighborhood Legal Services Association, Pittsburgh, PA
- Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
- Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan
- Neighborhood Legal Services Program, Washington, DC
- Nevada Legal Services, Las Vegas
- New Hampshire Legal Assistance
- New Haven Legal Assistance Association
- New Orleans Legal Assistance Association
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- Northwest Justice Project, Seattle, WA
- Northwestern University Legal Clinic, Chicago, IL
- Ohio State Legal Services Association
- Oklahoma Indian Legal Services
- Oregon Legal Services
- Pace Women's Justice Center, White Plains, NY
- Palm Beach County Legal Aid Bureau
- Parents Engaged for Learning Equality (PELE) Special Education Advocacy Clinic at William & Mary Law School
- Partnership for Children's Rights, NYC
- Paso Del Norte Civil Rights Project, El Paso, TX
- Penn Housing Rights Project, Philadelphia, PA
- Pennsylvania Health Law Project
- Pennsylvania Institute Law Project, Philadelphia
- People's Law Resource Center, Washington, DC
- Philadelphia Legal Assistance
- Philadelphia Unemployment Project
- Philadelphia VIP
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- Piedmont Legal Services, Charlottesville, VA
- Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Maine
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- Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project, Boston, MA
- Political Asylum Project of Austin, TX
- Positive Resource Center, San Francisco, CA
- Potomac Legal Aid Society
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- Prairie State Legal Services, Bloomington/Waukegan, IL
- Prisoners' Legal Services, Boston, MA
- Prisoners' Legal Services of New York, Albany
- Prison Legal Assistance Project, Cambridge, MA
- Pro Bono Advocates, Chicago, IL
- Pro Bono Center, Pittsburgh
- Pro Bono Institute at Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC
- Pro Bono Partnership, Newark, NJ & White Plains, NY
- Pro Bono Project, New Orleans, LA
- Project Renewal, New York, NY
- Protection & Advocacy Inc., Los Angeles, CA
- Public Advocates, San Francisco, CA
- Public Counsel Law Center, Los Angeles, CA
- Public Defenders Service, Washington, DC
- Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
- Public Interest Law Project, New York, NY
- Public Justice Center, Baltimore, MD
- Public Justice Foundation, Washington, DC
- Public Law Center, Santa Ana, CA
- Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities, Washington DC
- Queens Legal Services, NY
- Rappahannock Legal Services, Culpeper/Fredericksburg/Tappahannock, VA
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- Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network, Westminster, CO
- Rocky Mountain Survivors Center, Denver, CO
- Rural Law Center of New York, Plattsburgh, NY
- Safe Families Office at Fulton County Superior Court, Atlanta (Partnership Against Domestic Violence)
- Safe Horizon Domestic Violence Law Project, New York, NY
- San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation
- Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Women's Legal Services, New York, NY
- Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, Chicago, IL
- SeniorLAW Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Shelter Legal Services, Newton, MA
- Solid Ground, Seattle, WA
- South Brooklyn Legal Services
- South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice
- South Middlesex Legal Services, Framingham, MA
- South Texas College of Law Randall O. Sorrels Legal Clinics, Civil Practice Clinics
- South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR), Harlingen, TX
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, New Orleans, LA
- Southeast Texas Legal Clinic
- Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta
- Southern Migrant Legal Services, Nashville, TN
- Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
- Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery, AL/Atlanta, GA
- Southern Tier Legal Services, Bath, NY
- Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society
- Special Education Civil Division of the Public Defender Service, Washington, DC
- STAND! Against Domestic Violence (formerly Batter Women's Alternatives)
- Stanford Community Law Clinic, East Palo Alto, CA
- Street Law Program at Rutgers University, Newark, NJ
- Student Hurricane Network, New Orleans, LA
- Sugar Law Center, Detroit, MI
- Support Center for Child Advocates, Philadelphia, PA
- Swords to Plowshares, San Francisco, CA
- Sylvia Rivera Law Project, NYC
- Tahirih Justice Center, Falls Church, VA
- Tax Law Clinic at Fordham
- Tenants Together, San Francisco, CA
- Tenderloin Housing Clinic San Francisco, CA
- Texas Advocacy Project, Austin, TX
- Texas Appleseed
- Texas Civil Rights Project, Austin, TX
- Texas Legal Services Center, Austin
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid
- Three Rivers Legal Services, Gainesville/Jacksonville, FL
- Tompkins Tioga Neighborhood Legal Services, Ithaca, NY
- Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, New York, NY
- Tzedek DC, Washington, DC
- UCLA Downtown Labor Center, Los Angeles, CA
- UNC Center for Civil Rights, Chapel Hill
- Unemployment Action Center – NYU School of Law
- Unemployment Law Project, Seattle, WA
- University of the District of Columbia Law Clinics
- University Legal Services, Washington, DC





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- University of Michigan Law School's Pediatric Advocacy Initiative
- University of Michigan Law School's Unemployment Insurance Clinic
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**Equal Justice America  
Announces Two Year  
Immigration Fellowship at  
Greater Boston Legal  
Services**



## **Equal Justice America Immigration Post-Graduate Fellowship at Greater Boston Legal Services**

Since 1993, **Equal Justice America** has provided opportunities for law students and lawyers to work with legal aid programs across the country.

For more than 100 years, **Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS)** has provided free civil legal assistance to people living in poverty in the Greater Boston area. Each year GBLS's attorneys, staff, and volunteers help resolve legal problems, including immigration, domestic violence, consumer fraud, unfair evictions, and juvenile expungements.

**Equal Justice America (EJA)** is funding a two-year fellow from **Harvard Law School** to be responsible for representing clients in a variety of immigration matters, including removal defense, defensive and affirmative asylum claims, special immigrant juvenile status petitions, VAWA self-petitions, U and T visas, as well as other immigration matters before the USCIS, EOIR and federal and state courts. In addition, the fellow will assist in coordinating pro-bono representation; conduct outreach to various community based organizations and attend trainings and maintain up-to-date knowledge of current legal issues surrounding immigration law.

The Fellow will also work closely with GBLS Immigration advocates by collaborating on inter-practice group projects, which could involve shared outreach or legal casework, or developing new strategies for servicing our common clients. The Fellow will be required to provide detailed quarterly reports to Equal Justice America and to blog on at least a weekly basis about their work for EJA's website.

Applicants must have graduated with a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School by May 2018, but no later than May 2019; must be a member of the Massachusetts Bar or sit for the Massachusetts Bar Exam no later than July 2019; have a demonstrated commitment to immigration issues affecting GBLS clients. The successful applicant will be collegial, well-organized, and demonstrate a commitment to working with people living in poverty in Greater Boston's large and diverse immigrant community.

The position will begin fall 2019 and will end fall 2021.



## **Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic**

*Training future lawyers and providing  
free legal services to low income  
disabled persons of all ages.*

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Dear Dan:

I am pleased to report to you the work that has been accomplished thanks to the generous on-going support of Equal Justice America. It is no exaggeration to say that this work would not have been possible without Equal Justice America's commitment to our program.

The Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic has become an integral part of the Pace Law School's outstanding clinical program. In all of our client representation clinics, the students are the lawyers, fully responsible for all aspects of the cases they handle. The clinics thus serve a dual role – the training of future lawyers and the provision of legal services to the underserved in Westchester County and its surroundings.

Since the Clinic was established at Pace Law School in 1999, 143 students have enrolled in the Clinic. They have assisted 293 clients in a wide range of litigation and transactional matters. One hundred and three clients were represented in proceedings to become the guardians of their developmentally disabled adult relatives, usually children, but also grandchildren, siblings and nieces and nephews. With our help, 19 clients have also created special needs trusts for themselves or their children, and engaged in other specialized estate planning to ensure that the disabled person is able to benefit from any inheritance without losing government benefits. Sixty-nine clients engaged in estate and life-time planning, by signing wills, health care proxies, living wills and powers of attorney – documents drafted by our students. Our students have handled the administration of 15 estates, some for the beneficiaries of wills that the Clinic had drafted.

Fifty-two cases involved access to government benefits including Social Security Disability benefits, SSI benefits, waivers of overpayments, Veteran's Benefits and Medicaid benefits.

We have also assisted 12 clients who had filed discrimination cases *pro se*. Most of these cases were filed at the Westchester County Human Rights Commission where complainants must secure counsel in order to proceed once there has been a finding of probable cause. Four clients were assisted with tax matters and five with consumer matters.

Finally our students have assisted fourteen families obtain appropriate special education services for their school-age children.

For most of these clients, there was no other source of free legal services. None could afford pay for the required legal assistance. For our students, the experience gained from representing real clients with real problems has prepared them in ways that classroom learning cannot for their work as practicing attorneys.

All of us at Pace Law are most grateful for the continuing support of Equal Justice America and your personal commitment to our mission.

Sincerely yours,

*Gretchen*

Margaret M. Flint



FINAL REPORT

Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic

John Jay Legal Services

Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

June 29, 2018

## Introduction

Completing its eighteenth year of operation, the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University continues its dual mission of training future lawyers and providing free legal services to low income persons with disabilities and their families.

The Law School's clinical offerings, under the umbrella of John Jay Legal Services, enable students to gain proficiency in lawyering skills while representing clients pursuant to a Student Practice Order issued by the Appellate Division, Second Department of the New York State Supreme Court. Under supervision of clinical faculty, students enrolled in clinical courses perform all lawyering functions normally reserved to lawyers admitted to practice. In addition to the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic, John Jay Legal Services also provides representation to individuals by legal interns enrolled in the Investor Rights Clinic, the Barbara C. Salken Criminal Justice Clinic, the Neighborhood Justice Clinic, the Immigration Justice Clinic, and the Food and Beverage Clinic. In addition to these client representation clinics, field work in the non-profit legal arena is available to students through the Legal Services/Public Interest/Health Law Externship, the Family Court Externship, the Prosecution Externship, the Environmental Law Externship, and the Honors Prosecution Externship.

## The Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic

The Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic provides students with the opportunity to learn and apply lawyering skills as well as the substantive law relating to the rights of persons with disabilities in a highly controlled and intensively supervised legal practice environment. For most students, it is their first experience with law as lawyers.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the Clinic was again offered as a two-semester course. A total of six students participated in the Clinic, including one student participating in the Pro Bono Scholars Program, an initiative of former Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman, designed to increase access to legal services by the underserved. The Pro Bono Scholar worked full-time in the Clinic in the spring semester, having taken (and passed) the New York Bar Exam in February. The remaining were full-time students who were enrolled for a total of six credits each semester. All students participated in the seminar which provided two academic credits each semester. Students are expected to spend on average five hours per week per clinical credit on case-related work.

#### The Seminar Component

In a weekly seminar, students learn and practice lawyering skills such as interviewing, counseling, negotiation, fact investigation, and conducting administrative hearings. The learning of these skills is integrated with relevant substantive law, including eligibility for the government benefit programs available to persons with disabilities (Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Income, Medical Assistance, special education services) and the planning tools available to disabled persons and their families (guardianships, wills, special needs trusts). The seminar also provides the opportunity for students to present issues and choices from the cases they are working on and benefit from the critical reflection of their colleagues. Ethical issues are discussed as they arise in individual cases with particular emphasis on the complexities of working with clients of diminished mental capacity. Students learn how to read and interpret medical records and work with medical personnel to describe a client's medical condition using legally relevant terminology. Students also learn how to work with other helping professionals,

such as social workers, doctors, nurses and advocates, to identify and meet clients' non-legal needs. Readings focused on learning lawyering skills are supplemented with readings directly relevant to disability law.

### The Case Work Component

Clinic students, either individually or in teams, have primary responsibility for the conduct of their assigned cases. The student is responsible for planning each lawyering activity, reviewing the plan with the Clinic faculty supervisor, conducting the activity and finally, reflecting on the experience and the usefulness of the preparation. Throughout the year, each student engages in client interviewing and counseling, fact investigation and witness interviewing, legal research and analysis, and drafting a variety of legal documents and instruments. Most students have the opportunity to appear before a court or administrative tribunal.

The cases handled involved a variety of legal issues faced by persons with disabilities and their families. Clients were referred by local services agencies including the Veteran's Administration long-term care facility in Montrose, New York, the Cancer Support Team; and the Surrogate's Court of Westchester County. Several clients were referred by other Clinic clients or self-referred. All of the clients are low income. They are unable to pay for the legal help they need and were unable to secure representation from other sources of free legal services.

A total of 48 matters were handled by students during the grant year.\* Of these, 15 were new matters. Twenty-seven matters were concluded by the end of the grant year and 21 are pending. The cases involved the following substantive areas:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Number of Clients</u>
Art. 17-A Guardianship	14
Special Needs Trusts	8
Lifetime and Estate Planning	7
Estate Administration	7
Standby Guardianships	3
Consumer	3
Special Education	2
Tax	2
Housing Discrimination	2
Art. 17 Guardianship	1
Social Security Disability	1

### Case Examples

We continued to work with families who wish to become guardians of their adult family members with developmental disabilities. Students worked on 14 such cases, including 3 petitions for modifications of previously-granted guardianships. All clients have been counseled about the guardianship process and assisted in identifying standby guardians and obtaining

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\* During the summer of 2017, one student worked on a paid basis and one student volunteered. During the summer of 2018, one student is volunteering.

necessary certifications from doctors and psychologists. Letters of guardianship have been issued by the Surrogate in 8 cases. We are awaiting decisions in 3 cases. Two clients decided not to proceed. A petition is being prepared in the remaining case.

We are also representing grandparents who petitioned the Family Court for guardianship of their three orphaned grandchildren. The petition was granted after a hearing and we are awaiting the signed order.

We have assisted three mothers facing surgery or terminal illness who wished to designate standby guardians for their minor children. Each of these clients has now put in place a plan for the care of her children in the event of her death or incapacity.

Students also worked on 7 cases in which the clients wished to engage in life-time and estate planning. Eight clients (two cases involved married couples) signed wills, powers of attorney and health care proxies that student interns drafted. The remaining case is pending.

Students assisted 8 clients with special needs trusts. Four clients were assisted with establishing pooled trust accounts so that their excess income could remain available to meet their needs while receiving Medicaid home care benefits. Students drafted an individual trust for one client who is under 65. We remained involved with two clients who had previously established pooled trust accounts but needed additional assistance. One client and his family were counselled extensively about the advantages and disadvantages of establishing an individual special needs trust. After considering his options, the client decided to retain control of his funds.

We are involved in seven cases requiring the administration of modest estates in Surrogate's Court. Each of these cases involved extensive investigation or challenging family

relations. These cases provide excellent experience for the students and a service to the clients who would otherwise see their modest inheritances spent on investigators and lawyers. Three of these estates have been closed and 4 are pending.

We are waiting for a hearing to be scheduled by the Social Security Administration for a client who is appealing the denial of Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income benefits.

Students have assisted 3 clients with a variety of consumer issues. Two clients were assisted with tax matters.

#### Community Outreach

Clinic students and other law student volunteers participated in Westchester County's Senior Law Day in White Plains on September 17, 2017 and in Yonkers on June 6, 2018. After audience members heard a presentation about health care proxies, the law student volunteers assisted them with completing health care proxies and answered their individual questions.

#### Plans for 2018-2019

The Clinic will again be offered as a year-long course. We anticipate handling a similar mix of litigation and transactional matters, assisting low income persons without other means of securing needed legal services and giving future lawyers the skills necessary to help this vulnerable population.



# **Letters from Legal Services Organizations**

*Section 2*





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***Via Email***

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***Re: Paul Leroux***

To Whom this May Concern:

I am the Assistant Director of Legal Services at The Family Center, a multidisciplinary nonprofit organization in New York City serving those affected by serious illness, loss, and other crisis.

I write to thank you for your generous support of Paul Leroux, who was an intern in our Legal Wellness Institute this summer.

The Family Center's Legal Wellness Institute (LWI) provides holistic civil legal representation to low income New Yorkers struggling with serious illness and life-limiting disabilities in the areas of housing law, family law, benefits and income maintenance, and end-of-life planning. As a legal intern, Paul assisted clients with cases in each of these areas and more. Below are just a few specific examples of the important work Paul did this summer under the supervision of LWI attorneys:

- For a case in which a landlord was seeking to evict a rent-controlled tenant, Paul researched and drafted a motion to dismiss that was filed in the NYC Housing Court – Kings County. After receiving Paul's motion, the landlord's attorney withdrew the eviction petition.
- For a young man with cancer, Paul conducted significant research and wrote letters to the Social Security Administration relating to the amount of Supplemental Security Income that he was receiving, and spoke with the client on multiple occasions to explain how his living situation affected the amount of benefits he could receive.
- For a woman with a chronic illness who receives a public rental subsidy, Paul researched and drafted an informational letter regarding source-of-income housing discrimination.



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- Paul assisted a woman with breast cancer whose only income was Supplemental Security Income with an application to obtain emergency financial assistance for rent arrears. Because the woman was physically unable to travel, Paul met with her in her home. With Paul's assistance and an advocacy letter that he drafted, the application was approved and the arrears paid within days. Paul further worked with this client to reverse bank fees, reduce some monthly expenses, and establish a more realistic budget, so that she does not again fall behind on her rent.
- Paul worked closely with the mother of a 6-year-old girl with significant learning, behavioral, and intellectual disabilities. Paul assisted with appealing her daughter's denial of Supplemental Security Income benefits; obtaining medical, school, and other records; reviewing these records, and doing significant work on a written appeal brief.

In addition to working closely with these and other clients on myriad issues, Paul also conducted thorough phone intakes with callers seeking legal assistance; filed pleadings, motions, and other documents in Courts throughout all five boroughs of NYC; and much more.

As a small office, our legal interns like Paul make a huge difference in allowing us to represent more clients in need. Most importantly, Paul's work most definitely had a positive and lasting impact on the lives of the clients he served. So again, thank you for your generous support of Paul this summer.

Sincerely,



Caroline L. Bersak, Esq.

Assistant Director of Legal Services



August 13, 2018

Re: Equal Justice America  
Letter of Recommendation for Isela Banuelos

To Whom It May Concern:

I write in enthusiastic support of Isela Banuelos for a fellowship from Equal Justice America. I am an attorney in the Education Defense and Justice for Youth Clinic and a Supervising Attorney at the East Bay Community Law Center (“EBCLC”), which is part of the clinical program at U.C. Berkeley Law School. I am also the supervisor for Isela’s summer internship. At EBCLC, we are very lucky to supervise many committed and bright students, and Isela stands out as one of the very best. I am confident that Isela possesses the necessary skills and qualities for a successful public interest career.

### *Isela’s Work at EBCLC*

Isela was a law clerk in EBCLC’s Education Advocacy Clinic (“Clinic”) in the summer of 2018. The Clinic advocates for young people at the intersection of the juvenile justice and education systems in Alameda County. Clinic students represent clients in school expulsion, special education proceedings, enrollment issues and a variety of educational matters. In collaboration with the other civil practice areas at EBCLC, we also provide additional legal services to our clients in the areas of public benefits, housing, and immigration. Our mission is two-fold: to provide law students with the opportunity to develop outstanding legal skills and to provide high quality representation to our young clients.

Having supervised Isela in a variety of legal matters, I know her work well and have seen first hand her impressive legal advocacy skills. Isela excels in all her Clinic work. Over the course of three months, Isela represented a young client in a contentious expulsion hearing against a charter school, drafted a Uniform Complaint on behalf of another young person harassed by school police officers, assisted a client with a complex enrollment issue, reviewed special education records, helped gather data for two policy projects and met with multiple young people and families. Isela’s hearing was highly contested and involved extensive legal argument, as well as tactful case management. Isela’s oral arguments, as well as her preparation, were terrific. While some students would be intimidated when faced with these types contentious hearings, Isela was not: she rose to the occasion with complete confidence and finesse.

Isela’s ability to counsel and connect with the Clinic’s young clients is exceptional and perfectly embodies client-centered advocacy. In watching her with clients and their families, I am consistently impressed with her patience and tone – she is always respectful, honest, and supportive. She is sensitive to the needs of her clients and understands the complexities of what they are going through. She takes as much time as needed to listen to her clients and answer all their questions. Clients, in turn, trust Isela and see her not just as their advocate, but as a source of support and reassurance.

Isela consistently draws meaningful connections between direct service work and larger systemic issues of race, gender, class, and education inequality. We teach our students how to be reflective advocates in the Clinic, but Isela has always understood and done this intuitively. This ability to simultaneously have both a micro and macro perspective of equity issues sets Isela apart from her peers. Isela frequently reflects on problems she sees in her cases and strategizes about ways to address them through creative advocacy. Isela also often reflects on how her own identity influences work, her relationship with her clients and how she is perceived by judges, clients, school

administrators, and others. Rather than shy away from challenging topics, Isela always raises important questions that deserve careful thought. Isela consistently encourages healthy, thought-provoking conversations that benefit all her fellow clinic students and supervisors.

Isela is, in so many ways, an ideal clinic student. She takes initiative and works well independently, yet she knows when to ask for help. When Isela does ask for help, she comes prepared not just with her questions, but also proposed solutions. Because of Isela's maturity, ingenuity and general thoughtfulness, it is easy to forget she is a law student.

### *Isela's Qualifications for the Equal Justice America Fellowship*

Isela's experience at EBCLC, combined with her long-standing interest in criminal justice reform, education, immigration and equity, demonstrates her commitment to public interest law. Isela's future career is inspired by, and rooted in, her direct experience working on behalf of students facing punitive discipline in both the court and school system. She has seen first hand the devastating collateral consequences of poor policies. Isela worked on her school discipline case and observed all the ways that a more robust school discipline policy – including policies that govern restorative justice in schools – would have prevented further escalation. It is the stories of Isela's clients that inspire her and will inform her work.

Isela is someone who makes things happen. At EBCLC, I see firsthand Isela's ability to make a plan and follow through, as well as her ability to hold others accountable. Advocating for students in special education and in school discipline proceedings requires a certain amount of cajoling bureaucrats and walking a fine line between being pushy and polite to get what you need for a client. In various proceedings and meetings with administrators, opposing counsel and others, Isela always holds her own while also being appropriately respectful so that she gets what she needs for her clients.

Isela's advocacy style always strikes the perfect balance between being conciliatory and collaborative whenever possible, while never ceasing to be a zealous advocate for her client.

As her resume makes clear, Isela's commitment to racial justice and equity issues is long-standing. Isela came to law school to become a social justice lawyer and she has done just that and more. In her course selection and internships, Isela has always taken advantage of every opportunity to learn as much as she can about education, youth law, and advocacy. This expertise will also serve her well in her career.

Finally, and perhaps most important, Isela is passionate and driven to do this work. Although representing youth in school discipline hearings is very intense, and at times discouraging, Isela remains unflappable. She appreciates the high stakes for her clients, but is always calm and level-headed. She maintains perspective and has a good sense of humor -- key attributes for a lawyer and a colleague. Isela is pleasure to work with and will be an asset to any office she joins.

In sum, Isela has it all: she is smart, hardworking, can get things done and perhaps most important, she approaches this work with a great deal of humility. I know we will see great things from Isela. It has been such a pleasure supervising Isela. I would be happy to answer any further questions that you may have about her. Please feel free to call me at 510-734-9865.

Sincerely,

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August 7, 2018

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**RE: Mary Rincon, EJA Fellowship Recipient**

Dear Mr. Ruben,

It was a pleasure to have Mary Rincon as a legal intern this summer in our North Philadelphia office of Community Legal Services. As one of 4 staff conducting intake sessions, Mary was a great help assisting clients with a wide variety of legal issues. I was Mary's direct supervisor during her time with us; and she has even asked to stay on with us for an extra week. Her main responsibilities have been in our general intake unit, which includes initial meetings with new clients to identify their issues, gathering documents, conducting follow up interviews when necessary, and referring the matter to the appropriate unit within CLS or one of our sister legal aid organizations or the private bar.

Our office typically encounters between 25 and 35 people per intake day and despite the whirlwind pace and high volume of contact with the public, Mary provided uncommonly courteous and thorough assistance to our clients. Her perceptive and congenial manner has been a comfort for some very distressed and anxious people in need of assistance for a panoply of legal issues. Mary is a highly intelligent, creative, and thoughtful individual who approaches her work with the utmost care, diligence, and concern for the well-being of our clients as well as her colleagues. She always volunteered for additional assignments, and she always produced outstanding work under sometimes very chaotic conditions. In addition to her work on our walk-in intake, Mary provided exceptional assistance on other legal matters, including preparing pro se petitions to postpone a sheriff's sale, drafting answers to complaints in ejectment and dispute letters for creditors, completing applications for property tax relief and water revenue abatement programs, and analyzing complex documents.

Mary is a natural leader who has been very responsible, professional, and thoughtful about her comments and reactions to her fellow staff -- attorneys, paralegals, social workers, support staff, and other interns -- and her insights and constructive assistance have always been very well-reasoned and skillfully crafted. These skills should aid Mary in any endeavor where team work and a collegial atmosphere are priorities. Mary has demonstrated the clear

commitment and intellectual acuity to make her a great advocate, and she has dedicated all of her professional efforts thus far to helping the poor and disenfranchised to better their lives.

We are very grateful to the foundation for providing the financial assistance that allowed Mary to spend her summer with us. This support from EJA was a critical factor that facilitated Mary being able to further develop her skills in serving the low income clients of Community Legal Services. If you would like additional information, please call me at 215-227-4740.

Thank you for providing this opportunity for Mary Rincon and for sharing her with Community Legal Services this summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lukens", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Lukens  
Intake Unit Supervisor



August 19, 2018

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VIA EMAIL

**RE: Evaluation David Fegley, 2018 Summer Law Clerk**

Dear MS. Ruben,

I am the supervising attorney of Legal Services of South Central Michigan's Washtenaw County office (LSSCM), a division of the Michigan Advocacy Program. Our office provides free civil legal services to low-income residents in the Washtenaw county area. My fellow staff attorneys and I had the pleasure of supervising Equal Justice America award recipient David Fegley as a Summer Law Clerk this year. He has helped expand our capacity to serve vulnerable individuals, particularly in housing and public benefits matters. As we are often only able to provide full legal representation to about 33% of those who request our support, his attention to detail, keen legal reasoning, and client-friendly demeanor made a significant impact on our ability to provide a greater quantity and quality of legal services to members of the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti community.

Here are highlights of some of the projects that David worked on during his summer with us:

- Conducted home visits with a supervising attorney to document the level of disrepair of a condemned mobile home whose occupants were facing eviction. After interviewing the client, David followed up with phone calls to neighbors and friends to confirm the client's story and gain a fuller understanding of the problems that plagued the mobile home park. One of the photographs David took at the home visit -- which showed the serial number of the mobile home in question -- was used to counter the landlord's false claim that he possessed valid title and deed to the unit.
- Drafted a memo to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that led the agency to change its interpretation of a state statute that dealt with asset tests for Medicaid beneficiaries who sold their homes (with the intention of using the profit from home sale to purchase a new home).
- Made an appearance in 14B opposite a pro se landlord, handled procedural matters, and successfully convinced the court that it would be unconscionable to require a tenant to post monthly escrow with the court, considering the dilapidated state of the unit in question, and the difficulty in assessing the unit's true value.
- Represented a client in an administrative hearing at DHHS and helped to successfully negotiate a reimbursement of 14 months of health insurance premiums that a client had

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been paying out of pocket. DHHS had wrongfully denied her access to the Medicare Savings Program, which covers these premiums.

- Drafted a research memo on disparate impact and Fair Housing Act violations.
- Drafted memos and conducted research on 1332 Waivers and Michigan's Medicaid program for a client receiving insufficient funding to cover the in-home care services she required to live independently.

As stated previously, these are just highlights of David's work. He also performed multiple client intakes on a daily basis, vetted cases for attorneys, and fielded numerous emergency calls from clients at risk of losing housing and in need of immediate legal advice. In our office, law clerks are often the first person with relevant legal experience that a client encounters during a life-changing emergency. David handled this role with class, took advantage of the opportunity to further develop his legal skills, and through his service, made a significant positive impact on our ability to meet client needs. We appreciate his service and would welcome him back in the future.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (734) 665-6181, ext. 121.

Sincerely,

S. Kerene Moore  
Supervising Attorney

cc: David Fegley





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Re: summer fellowship for Sarah Gehring

Dear Mr. Ruben and Ms. Toman:

I cannot begin to tell you how much we have enjoyed having Ms. Gehring at our office for the summer. From the beginning, she dove in and worked tirelessly to help our clients. She is clearly very passionate about representing low income clients who need someone to make their voices heard and she is a fantastic advocate for those clients.

Ms. Gehring had expressed that she had some experience with representing clients in administrative hearings and was interested in working with Social Security Disability and SSI cases, which worked out perfectly for our needs. While she was here, we worked on 30 – 35 cases in which SSDI and SSI recipients were being scheduled for hearings to have their original approval for benefits redetermined because there had been an allegation of fraud or similar fault made against the clients' representative (an attorney named Eric C. Conn) and/or the ALJ who had made the original determination and/or one or more doctors who had submitted Residual Functional Capacity reports in their cases. The Social Security Administration has been very clear that there was no allegation that the recipients themselves had participated in or even known about the scheme, nevertheless there have been roughly 4,000 claimants who have had to or are having to undergo redetermination hearings.



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Ms. Gehring was assigned two cases that had hearings scheduled toward the end of her fellowship period, but worked on a number of other cases as well. For those two cases, however, she prepared them from start to finish and represented the claimants at their hearings. Her work was performed under my supervision and was exemplary.

Ms. Gehring is particularly adept at focusing on the current state of the law and applying it to the facts of a case. For example, she worked on an unemployment appeals brief for a case in which a claimant had appealed a loss of Unemployment Insurance benefits to the Circuit Court after her administrative remedies were exhausted. She took a brief in which I had focused largely on the facts of the case and fleshed it out and re-worked it to focus more on the law as it applied to those facts. She did intensive research and breathed new life into something with which I had become frustrated, making a compelling argument that the claimant should win under the law.

Similarly, we had an eviction case in which she became very involved and, if I had been able to, I would have gladly let her argue the case in court. Ms. Gehring's work on the case included drafting a Complaint to bring an affirmative action challenging a particular lease provision that is commonly used by our local Housing Authority which, we believe, wrongfully restricts tenants' Second Amendment rights. Although we had a number of setbacks, we were eventually able to resolve the matter with the landlord without having to file the Complaint, but we have it ready in case the issue ever comes up again.

Finally, she drafted a Motion to Dismiss and a Memorandum of Law in support of the Motion in a case in which a grandparent had sought custody of a grandchild. The grandparent did not have standing to bring the action. We represented the parents. Based upon Ms. Gehring's legal research and argument, we believe that the case will be dismissed and the parents will be able to retain custody.

As the summer draws to a close, we regret that Ms. Gehring cannot stay longer. We hope that she will consider coming back to AppalReD in the future as an attorney and that we have the opportunity to work with more such talented individuals from your program in the future.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charnel M. Burton

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August 31, 2018

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*Via Electronic Mail*

Re: Connie Cho, Summer 2018 EJA Fellowship

Dear Ms. Ruben:

Thank you so much for granting an Equal Justice America Summer 2018 Fellowship to Connie Cho, which enabled her to work with us at Bay Area Legal Aid's Oakland Office. She divided her time between us, working with the Alameda SSI Team and one of the Alameda Medical-Legal Partnerships.

BayLegal's SSI unit works in collaboration with Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services to provide disability rights advocacy to very low income residents of Alameda County who have high-level mental health needs. In her capacity as an SSI law clerk, Ms. Cho was required to quickly learn complex Social Security case law, regulations, and guidance. Ms. Cho independently handled a difficult case for a client who has complicated medical and mental health needs, in addition to stressors such as raising a young child as a single mother and a history of domestic violence. The client's case needed to be investigated and prepared for administrative hearing on an extremely short timeline. We gave Ms. Cho the option of taking this (more difficult) case or a more straightforward one, and she chose the more difficult case.

Ms. Cho did an excellent job interviewing the client, investigating her claim, and collecting hundreds of pages of medical records to submit in support of the claim. She familiarized herself with the details of the medically complex case to the point of being able to interview the claimant's health care provider and elicit an extremely strong, detailed letter of support from the provider. She also obtained strong supportive opinions from the client's behavioral health care providers. Ms. Cho then wrote an extensive brief for the client's hearing before a Social Security Administrative Law Judge, which

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addressed multiple complex procedural and factual issues. Ms. Cho has excellent client interaction skills, is a critical thinker, is adept at learning difficult law, and is a competent writer who worked gracefully under a stressful timeline. She bravely jumped onto a difficult case and into each interaction and task that was necessary to push the case past the finish line.

BayLegal's Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) with the Community Health Center Network in Alameda County requires us to practice in multiple substantive areas including housing, public benefits, and health access. As a MLP clerk, Ms. Cho received training in multiple substantive areas and she was eventually able to issue-spot and, with supervision, practice across multiple areas.

A key feature of our MLP is receiving referrals from our partner Health Centers for their patients to get legal information and assistance. Ms. Cho was responsible for reviewing the referrals, making the initial calls to the referred patients, and screening them for eligibility for BayLegal's free services which included gathering information about the patient/potential client's specific need. After gathering the necessary information, we worked together to come up with and implementing an action plan for the patient/potential client, which often involved advice, brief service (such as writing advocacy letters and helping with legal forms), researching other community resources, referral, and communicating with community partners.

Throughout her time with us this summer, Ms. Cho demonstrated patience, compassion, flexibility, and a high-level of professionalism. She worked well independently and she was careful in her preparations in that she asked detailed and thoughtful questions to ensure she fully understood what was being asked of her.

We are very pleased with Ms. Cho's work with us this summer, and we know that our clients were also pleased and grateful for her help.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,

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August 23, 2018

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Re: Supervisor Evaluation Letter for Ms. Tina Lin, 2018 Summer Internship

Dear Mr. Ruben:

The undersigned supervised Tina Lin during her law student internship with the Community Economic Development (“CED”) Program at Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (“Brooklyn A”) this summer. As a CED law intern, Tina provided our team with significant assistance representing small business clients in commercial leasing matters and not-for-profit community based clients in transactional matters. The types of CED clients that Tina worked with varied greatly, as did the types of legal matters.

Please find below representative examples of the kinds of projects that Tina handled over the summer:

- For a not-for-profit client that is preparing for the final closing of an affordable housing construction project targeted for senior housing, Tina reviewed and drafted officer’s certificates and resolutions, reviewed organizational documents for the title holding entity, gathered closing forms required by a government agency funder, participated in working group status calls and took minutes during same, and gathered necessary information and provided our client with guidance as needed.
- For a not-for-profit client that is expanding its charitable purposes, Tina drafted updated bylaws and conflict of interest policy, as well as a Certificate of Amendment, amending the client’s Certificate of Incorporation. Tina also participated in client meetings and assisting in advising the client and preparing agendas and informational materials.
- For a small business grocery tenant, Tina reviewed the lease agreement, researched the effect of a waiver of subrogation clause in light of a casualty event on the premises, and prepared a memorandum outlining relevant case law in that area.

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- For a small business auto repair shop tenant, Tina reviewed the lease agreement, analyzed potential breaches that may be raised by the client, and prepared an agenda to guide an initial fact-gathering call with the client.
- For a group of small business clients in the retail, food and service industries, Tina provided substantial assistance in tracking and evaluating unexplained and disputed charges appearing in landlord's monthly invoices, participated in conference calls with landlord representatives, and prepared memorandums to file regarding the same.
- For a small business retail store that needed to close its business, Tina drafted termination and surrender agreements and engaged in ongoing follow-up and strategizing with the client.
- For a small business hair salon, Tina reviewed the client's lease and prepared a memorandum for the client explaining their additional rent obligations for taxes and utilities. Tina engaged in extensive diligence into the real estate tax history for the client's building, and participated in a client meeting to explain her findings.
- For the commercial lease assistance program, Tina prepared workshop materials on real estate taxes and water bills. Tina researched relevant laws and typical commercial lease provisions, and drafted a fact sheet, outline, and presentation materials for use in outreach to small businesses.

Tina has strong research, analytic, and interpersonal skills that allowed her to add value on each of her matters. She was also able to effectively manage and prioritize among multiple projects and exercised good judgment in seeking guidance and further explanations from us as necessary. Tina was respectful and professional with all of our clients and was a warm and energetic presence in the CED program.

We give Tina a very favorable evaluation and our office is very appreciative to Equal Justice America for providing her with funding during her summer law internship with us.

In the event that you need anything further, please feel free to contact us as follows: Angela Escobar at (718) 487-2350 or [aescobar@bka.org](mailto:aescobar@bka.org); and Samantha Rauer at (718) 487-2318 or [srauer@bka.org](mailto:srauer@bka.org).

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Dear Mr. Ruben,

I am a supervisory attorney in LAF's Housing Practice Group (HPG), and had the pleasure of supervising Colin Nardone during his 2018 summer internship.

Colin was a wonderful addition to the HPG, which represents low-income clients living in subsidized housing in the Chicago area, who are facing eviction, or termination from the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Interns assigned to work with the HPG enjoy many of the same responsibilities as full-time HPG staff attorneys. Colin, specifically, was tasked with interviewing clients and collateral sources, researching and exploring legal defenses, drafting motions, preparing cases for trials/hearings, and conducting an administrative hearing, among other things. In addition to completing excellent work, Colin demonstrated an inspiring work ethic and enthusiasm for public service.

Prior to his internship, Colin served low-income individuals and families in Chicago and Philadelphia in a variety of roles, including as a religious brother, a hospital chaplain, and most recently as an AmeriCorps member for a college access and success program. With his previously developed skill sets and his eagerness to learn, Colin performed his duties nearly effortlessly. For example, he spent a tremendous amount of time learning about, and preparing for, an administrative hearing before the Chicago Housing Authority. With his quick grasp of the subject matter, Colin chose to proceed on his own. Colin appeared on behalf of our client, and conducted all aspects of the hearing, including the opening and closing statements, and direct and cross examinations. I recently received the hearing decision, and was pleased (but not surprised) to discover that Colin had won the case—saving our client and her children from almost certain homelessness.

Colin exhibited a nuanced understanding of the plights our clients face, showing empathy not only towards their daily struggles, but towards those of their families and communities as well. Colin's final evaluation, in which he received top marks for his performance this summer, only touches the surface of his meaningful contributions.

I would be happy to discuss Colin further, or to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



Jessica Kalmewicki



**Letters from Equal  
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Fellowship Recipients**

*Section 3*



August 16, 2018

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RE: Megan Cai Equal Justice America Summer Fellowship

Dear Mr. Ruben,

This summer I had the opportunity to work for the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia (LASEVA) at the Hampton office and was able to gain incredible legal experience while pursuing my passion for assisting vulnerable members of our society. My work at LASEVA dealt with varied subject matters including child custody, spousal support, guardianships, wills, and automobile sales fraud. I assisted attorneys with drafting various legal documents including guardianship petitions, expungement petitions, separation and property settlement agreements, wills, advance medical directives, and power of attorney documents. I am very thankful to Equal Justice America for giving me this fellowship which made it feasible for me to work for LASEVA.

The case that impacted me the most this summer was one involving a client who needed assistance acquiring guardianship of her aging husband who had advanced Alzheimer's disease and could no longer care for himself. I was responsible for drafting the guardianship petition for her case, and it was heartbreaking to hear her story about how her ex-attorney husband could no longer even dress himself or understand his own illness. Her case particularly affected me due to her husband having been a former member of the legal profession, which made me realize that

no one is immune to debilitating illness and that poverty is not an issue that is far removed from ourselves. This case opened my eyes to the reality that anyone can become afflicted with poverty often due to no fault of their own, and made me ever more determined to serve the low-income segments of our population who are most in need of legal services. The guardianship petition I helped draft has now been submitted to court, and we are awaiting the decision.

I would like to thank Equal Justice America again for making it possible for me to have these impactful experiences at LASEVA and to gain the legal knowledge required to assist clients. It was a truly rewarding experience, and I would highly recommend it to law students who wish to gain exposure to a wide variety of subject matters and to help a community in dire need of their talents.

Sincerely,

Megan Cai  
William & Mary School of Law  
Class of 2019

Gabriela Ibanez-Alers

Equal Justice America Summer 2018 Fellowship

Helping those affected by the storm

The day I got accepted into law school was one of my proudest moments. I knew that I was entering a path in which I could dedicate my working years to helping others. Going into law school, I had no idea which area of law I wanted to pursue. I attended plenty of different legal society events and meetings trying to figure out which area of law I wanted to pursue over the summer, but nothing really stood out to me. By my second semester of law school I was becoming more involved and when the opportunity arose to become a student pro-bono director, I took a chance and joined.

I was introduced to public interest legal work through the student pro-bono department. After speaking with attorneys that worked for legal aid, I understood what public interest work entailed and how much good it does for the community. I realized that legal aid offered a variety of services in different areas of the law to client's pro-bono. Since I was still struggling to find which area of law to pursue, working the summer at a public interest law firm sounded like the best path to take. That way I could gain experience in different areas of the law ranging from consumer to family, while helping those most in need of assistance.

I got a chance to work with Three Rivers Legal Services as a law student volunteer my spring semester. This later transitioned into a summer fellowship with the grant provided from Equal Justice America. My supervisor at Three Rivers Legal Services, Karen Millard, was a former professor of mine and the Disaster lawyer working under a grant by the Florida Bar for victims of Hurricane Irma. All the work I got to do this summer was primarily related to helping those in the community affected by Hurricane Irma. I got to write FEMA appeals for clients that were denied assistance but were still greatly in need. For many of the clients that we helped the road to recovery was long and many were close to giving up before they got helped from Three Rivers Legal Services. It was such a great feeling when we would get news that a client won an appeal or that we were able to get the repairs done that were still needed by connecting them to local organizations that were helping rebuild the community.

We set up an outreach center near the area most affected by the disaster. Through that outreach, I got to personally call around 115 individuals still in need of assistance. I even helped with the intake process to assess their needs. Altogether we helped the local long-term recovery group to contact over 4,000 households off the FEMA list. A little over 200 of those individuals ended up still in need of assistance. From those 200 households around 40 needed legal assistance in the form of a FEMA appeal or help with an insurance claim. We were able to help all those requesting legal assistance almost immediately.

I never realized how much legal aid could assist during and after a major disaster. Something that may seem daunting or take months to complete to most individuals, could easily be accomplished with the help of an attorney. My experience working at Three Rivers Legal Services was humbling, knowing that my efforts this summer helping those affected by the hurricane actually made a difference. I know that the work I did this summer helped others for the better. I thought my proudest moment was when I got accepted into Law School but this summer I realized my proudest moment now was being able to help those affected by the hurricane, that were still struggling to get back on their feet.

## AUSTIN HOWARD

August 31, 2018

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RE: Summer 2018 Equal Justice America Legal Services Fellowship

Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to thank you and Equal Justice America for naming me a 2018 Summer EJA Fellow. Because of your generous Fellowship grant, I was able to devote my time this summer to helping low income and homeless clients as an intern in the Public Benefits Unit of the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG).

In the Public Benefits Unit at NYLAG, I was responsible for a variety of recurring tasks. I conducted client intake interviews over the phone and in-person at the legal help desk that NYLAG helps staff at the Office of Administrative Hearings at the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). Individuals seeking representation at the legal help desk were often moments from appearing alone at a Fair Hearing before an OTDA Administrative Law Judge with the authority to determine whether their food stamp or public assistance benefits would be discontinued or reduced—a decision of incredible consequence for low income families who depend on State benefits for basic necessities such as food and shelter. It was my responsibility to hear those families and to help inform them of their right to request an adjournment so that they could obtain legal services from NYLAG.

I was assigned clients at weekly intake meetings and tasked with providing full representation under the supervision of senior NYLAG attorneys. Often my cases involved clients whose public assistance or food stamp benefits were being discontinued or reduced by the Human Resources Administration (HRA), the social services district that implements OTDA policy within New York City. Representation in these matters often involved requesting evidence from HRA, reviewing the evidence for Due Process violations such as notice inadequacy, corresponding with clients to verify questions in the record, gathering documents to disprove Agency determinations, verifying Agency budget calculations, and researching applicable OTDA policies. Sometimes we were able to resolve benefits issues for our clients through advocacy with HRA after reviewing the evidence by pointing out an Agency mistake. Other times, we appeared with our clients at Fair Hearings to challenge a denial or reduction. When representation required a Fair Hearing, I was responsible for the preparation, which could include compiling documents to submit into evidence, planning client testimony, and reviewing similar Fair Hearing decisions and applicable policy directives and regulations. By the end of the summer, I had argued three Fair Hearings first-chair on behalf of wronged clients and resolved many other benefits issues through written advocacy.

In addition to client representation, I also was tasked with drafting intra-office research memoranda challenging OTDA policy directives. One research question involved researching the viability of a Fair Hearing defense based on an alternate construction of a State statute. Another implicated issues of administrative authority and federal due process. Though I had not yet studied administrative law in depth, I developed an appreciation for the discretionary power granted to administrative agencies in implementing policy directives pursuant to State statutes.

Overall, my summer experience at NYLAG as an EJA Fellow was both personally rewarding and professionally educational. Thank you for helping to give me the opportunity to help those who need it most.

Sincerely,

Austin Howard  
Cardozo School of Law

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Dear Mr. Ruben,

I would like to thank you and Equal Justice America for the support you provided for my summer internship with the Legal Wellness Institute at the Family Center in New York this summer. As a member of the Family Center's team, I contributed to their work to provide civil legal services to low income families in New York affected by death, disability, or serious illness. With EJA's support, this internship made me see the appeal and promise of a career in civil legal services and pointed me in new directions for the work that I will do this year and after graduation.

During the two and a half months I spent at the Family Center, I provided support to attorneys working on cases in various stages of the litigation or application process. The cases I worked on included evictions, child support, guardianships, end-of-life planning, and applications for government benefits. Each case began with a call to the legal team's intake line, and the other interns and I were responsible for fielding those calls, gaining insight on the various issues our potential clients faced and presenting their cases to the full team for assignment or referral. If we took a case, I would attend the office visit, or where the client's condition required it, the home visit, and I was always encouraged by my attorneys to ask questions along with them. If we could not take the case, I researched referrals to minimize the burden on the potential client, or provided basic advice under the supervision of one of the attorneys. When the cases required substantial fact development or legal research, I was often responsible for gathering and synthesizing those materials. I also took the lead on drafting submissions to courts and administrative agencies, and helped the attorneys prepare for their appearances. In addition, I assisted the department in secondary source research necessary for a grant proposal. These experiences gave me the opportunity to work directly with clients and attorneys, and to understand the life of lawyer in civil legal services.

One of my biggest successes this summer was a motion to dismiss that I worked on in an eviction case. Our client faced eviction from her rent-controlled apartment, but the landlord, out of either ignorance of the law or hope that we wouldn't notice, had cut many corners in trying to get her out. I spent several days drafting and editing a motion that pointed out these procedural deficiencies, and eventually the attorney I was working with got the motion in front of the judge. The attorney asked me if I would like to argue the motion myself, and I began preparing to do that, but we soon got an email from opposing counsel—they agreed they had cut procedural corners and were withdrawing their case, at least for now!

I was also able to get a win for a client who needed government assistance to pay her rent. Although she generally had the ability to pay, some medical and financial issues had combined to create a situation that caused her to miss three months of rent and jeopardized her apartment. Working with a staff attorney, I visited this client, helped her reduce monthly expenses by eliminating recurring payments and bringing down some bills, and wrote a letter to the NYC Human Resources Administration asking for a “one-shot-deal” emergency rent payment. On my very last day in the office, the attorney told me HRA had approved our request, and our client was delighted to hear that we had gotten through to someone who could help her.

These experiences and many others like them made me see the ways that lawyers can use legal tools to create positive change in their clients’ lives. I was grateful for the mentoring that Family Center’s staff attorneys provided and for the trust they placed in me as we engaged in this important work. I am also immensely grateful to EJA for making this opportunity happen for me and for many other law students like me.

All the best,

Paul Leroux  
NYU Law ‘19

Alexis del Rio  
Evaluation

I am so thankful for my time spent at Texas Riogrande Legal Aid. I was nervous to begin my legal career at first. I had never before had any kind of employment at a law firm and was anxious to have my first job in this profession.

I could not believe the experience I had at TRLA. I was lucky to have had the opportunity to work with such fantastic individuals. My supervisor, Polly Bone, was one of the most hardworking individuals that I have ever worked alongside. I had zero experience with federal income tax law at the start of my externship. Mrs. Bone was extremely helpful and supportive of me while I learned this new trait. She was patient and kind. I was given constant feedback about all of the assignments I turned in and was given clear direction.

Aside from working alongside Mrs. Bone, I also had the opportunity to expand my skills. At the start of my externship I was able to make a connection with another attorney for TRLA, Rick Roman. Mr. Roman valued my experience in property management and allowed me to help with several eviction cases. I took a liking to property law and the fair housing laws quickly.

I felt expanding my knowledge in different areas of the law assisted in my overall summer experience. I was able to not only learn federal income tax, but also expand my knowledge of property law. More so than expanding my knowledge, I was able to expand my network of friends.

I had the pleasure to meet not only attorneys but also get to know my peers on a personal level. What I was most surprised to find was a friendship with individuals who I attend school with, but did not have the pleasure to know due to having been in different sections.



I could not be more thankful to Equal Justice America for providing me with a fellowship to help fund my summer internship. If there was anything that stood out to me this summer was the amount of people that need assistance. It was disheartening to see the amount of individuals that needed legal assistance that simply could not afford it.

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid has made a commitment to helping those less fortunate achieve their legal goals. I had the opportunity to meet such wonderful clients and assist them in bettering their lives. One instance in particular that stood out to me was a woman who was fighting her leasing agreement. A new management team had taken over records for the property and lost her most recent rent check. Although she had the receipt from the property manger, the property refused to honor her check. My supervising attorney represented this client in eviction court and presented overwhelming evidence to show that the check in question had been lost by the management company. After the client won her case, she had tears of joy. She hugged me and my supervising attorney and thanked us for fighting for her home and her fairness.

This incident was only one of the many wonderful and rewarding experiences that I had during the course of this summer. I could not be more thankful to Equal Justice America for allowing me the opportunity to have this experience.

Working during the summer made such an impact on me that I decided I should continue employment during the fall semester. I secured a position working for the Bexar County Criminal District Court Administration department and could not be more excited. I believe this summer helped me find my passion for law and am grateful for the opportunity.



## Summer 2018 EJA Fellow



**Name:** Jackson Wimberly

**Law School:** The University of Chicago Law School

**EJA Fellowship:** LAF

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### **Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018**

**#EJAFellowUpdate** Over the past two weeks, I've worked with LAF's Consumer Practice Group to provide free legal services to low-income people facing foreclosure, bankruptcy, and consumer fraud. Chicago has the highest number of Chapter 13 bankruptcy filings in the country due in large part to the city's zero tolerance approach to parking tickets (and impounding people's vehicles).

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### **Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018**

**#EJAFellowUpdate** Interning with LAF's Consumer Practice Group has been an incredible learning experience for me. I've been able to work directly with clients at the Bankruptcy Help Desk (a walk-in clinic at the federal courthouse), drafted motions and pleadings, collaborated with attorneys, and conducted research. It's been so rewarding to work alongside such dedicated and brilliant attorneys whose work allows people to stay in their homes, discharge their debts, keep their lights on, or fight back against consumer fraud.

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### **Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018**

**#EJAFellowUpdate** Hi Everyone! For the past month, I've had the privilege of working with LAF's Consumer Practice Group to provide free legal services to people across Chicago and its suburbs. Seeing firsthand what a difference legal representation can make has been a really powerful experience for me. Sometimes all it takes is a letter on LAF letterhead or a phone call from one of our attorneys to completely resolve an issue for our clients. Other times, we have to really dig in and litigate, providing folks with the kind of quality representation and advocacy that most people have to pay thousands of dollars to retain. Equal Justice America has made it possible for me, and countless other law students, to do this kind of work serving low-income people across America. [LAF The University of Chicago Law School](#)



## Entry 4: Week of 7/23/2018

[#EJAFellowUpdate](#) Hi Everyone! For the past six weeks, I've been interning with LAF's Consumer Practice Group, providing free civil legal services to low-income people across Chicago and its suburbs. I'm so grateful to Equal Justice America ("EJA") for funding my summer fellowship with LAF. EJA makes it possible for law students like me to accept public interest internships by providing funding for summer and post-grad fellowships. Often, students who want to take public interest positions over the summer are unable to afford the experience because they have to find external funding to support them, and internships like these demonstrate to many law students that they really do belong in the non-profit sector, despite the pay cut. If you're able, please consider donating to EJA (link below) to support students pursuing public interest careers. [Equal Justice America](#) [LAF](#) [University of Chicago Law School](#)

August 10, 2018

Dan Ruben  
Executive Director  
Equal Justice America

Dear Mr. Ruben:

My summer fellowship has been an exhilarating experience. I write to express both my gratitude to Equal Justice America for this opportunity as well as to explain all that I have learned from my fellowship with the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh.

This summer I had the extraordinary opportunity to work with the Women's Center & Shelter's legal department, the Civil Law Project. The Civil Law Project represents plaintiffs in Protection from Abuse (PFA) cases. Our clients are required to be lower income individuals who are in need of protection from either a current or former intimate partner. From the beginning of the PFA process till the end, we represent our clients through every aspect that our resources allow. For example, because a Final PFA Order has been issued by the court does not mean our work may end with that client. They may need help with child or spousal support or their divorce matters. The attorneys I worked with are very diligent and thorough and provided a terrific example of the type of work ethic every attorney should have, especially in such a delicate area of law. I had the opportunity to complete various tasks throughout my summer here, which exemplified these attorneys' zealous work ethic.

Throughout my time with the Civil Law Project, I was able to complete various assignments, which helped me improve as a law student and which will most assuredly also help me succeed as a future lawyer. During my time here, I have interviewed clients both in-person and on the phone, I have helped represent them during the entirety of their PFA cases, I have explained to them the differences between the various orders they could obtain through PFA court, and I have even negotiated cases with defendants. Additionally, I have filled out every type of possible order for PFA Court and discussed with our clients what the process looks like after they receive their PFA Court Order. Furthermore, I have drafted numerous types of legal documents for the Civil Law Project attorneys. For example, I have drafted various petitions such as Petition for Civil Contempt, Petition to Dismiss Exceptions, Petition to Reinstate, Petition to Enforce, as well as various motions; for example, Motions to Withdraw. I've also improved my communication skills by interacting with and contacting various people throughout my time here, such as, various police departments as well as clients and defendants. I have contacted both via phone calls as well as through contact letters. Overall, I would describe my experience here as invaluable.

I am forever grateful to Equal Justice America because your generosity permitted me to work for the Civil Law Project of the Women's Center & Shelter. Before my internship, I never thought I would be interested in family law. After my internship, however, I am not only interested in family law, but could see myself doing exactly this type of work as a future lawyer. This work is both very fulfilling and very rewarding. I am eternally grateful for this opportunity I had this summer and look forward to working in the same area of law in my future endeavors. Thank you again for the generosity and opportunity you have given me this summer. It is a summer I will truly never forget.

Sincerely,  
Elise Hahn  
Duquesne University School of Law  
Class of 2019

August 25, 2018

**VIA EMAIL**

Equal Justice America

Attn: Dan Ruben, Executive Director

Re: Fellowship Letter

Dear Mr. Ruben

Due to the generosity of Equal Justice America, I was able to work full time at Lincoln Square Legal Services, Inc., this summer. Through this internship, I provided legal assistance to low-income taxpayers in the New York City area, learned a great deal about tax law, and gained experience in working with real clients. Prior to this internship, I had never considered tax law as a career path, but during my time at the Tax Law clinic, I developed an interest in this area of law. Tax law encompasses so many other concerns, including civil rights and constitutional law, especially in New York where residents may lose their driver's license if their liability is too high.

For many of the clients I worked with at LSLS, their legal issues with the IRS or New York State had put their lives on hold. Most people don't realize that there is potential to significantly reduce one's tax liability because the access to this information can be hard to obtain and understand, and successfully completing such requests can be difficult and time-consuming. Without the legal advice and assistance of the students and supervising attorneys at LSLS, many of our clients may have faced mounting penalties or seizure of their tax refunds and other assets.

I was truly fortunate to have had the opportunity to work at LSLS this summer. Not only was I able to work with real clients, I was also privileged to have worked under amazing supervision. The supervising attorney at the Tax Clinic is a professor and tax expert who is passionate about advocating for clients' rights. Under her supervision, I gained a strong education in tax law and learned a great deal about client advocacy and client relations.

The financial support from EJA allowed me to dedicate my summer to working full time at a public interest clinic. Clinics like LSLS provide incredible support and assistance to low-income clients and without financial support from organizations like EJA, it would be incredibly difficult to attract students to this kind of work. I am extremely grateful to EJA for supporting students who wish to pursue public-interest work.

Sincerely,



Megha Dharia

Fordham University School of Law

J.D. Candidate, May 2020



# Financial Statements

Report of Independent Auditors

IRS Form 990

*Section 4*



# **EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA**

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## **EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

**Financial Statements  
Report of Independent Auditors  
IRS Forms 990**



**Fiduciary Financial Ltd.**

1913 Stuart Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23220

Telephone (804) 657-7889

***Report of Independent Auditors***

Board of Directors  
Equal Justice America, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of ***Equal Justice America, Inc.***, which comprise the statement of financial position, as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended.

*Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of the internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluation the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

*Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ***Equal Justice America, Inc.*** as of June 30, 2018 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Fiduciary Financial Ltd.*

Fiduciary Financial Ltd.  
Richmond, Virginia  
October 30, 2018

EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.  
Statement of Financial Position  
as of June 30, 2018

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 125,545
Contributions receivable	<u>154,000</u>
Total Current Assets	279,545
Property and equipment - at cost (notes 1 and 2)	-
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>
Net property and equipment	-
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 279,545</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Accrued expenses and accounts payable	\$ 1,450
Grants payable	<u>232,393</u>
Total Liabilities	233,843
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	45,702
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 279,545</u></u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.  
Statement of Activities  
Year Ended June 30, 2018

Public Support and Revenue		
Public support:		
Contributions	\$ 1,119,721	
Interest Income	<u>124</u>	
Total Public Support and Revenue		\$ 1,119,845
Expenses		
Program services	761,445	
Management and general expenses	146,198	
Fund raising expenses	<u>208,216</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>1,115,859</u>
Public support and revenue in excess of expenses		\$ 3,986
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		<u>41,716</u>
Net Assets at End of Year		<u><u>\$ 45,702</u></u>

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EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Year Ended June 30, 2018

Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Public support and revenue in excess of expenses	\$ 3,986
Changes In Operating Assets and Liabilities:	
Change in accrued expenses and accounts payable	(320)
Change in contributions receivable	(26,000)
Change in grants payable	<u>80,393</u>
Total adjustments	<u>54,073</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>58,059</u>
Net decrease in cash during the year	58,059
Cash at July 1, 2017	<u>67,486</u>
Cash at June 30, 2018	<u><u>\$ 125,545</u></u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.  
Statement of Functional Expenses  
Year Ended June 30, 2018

Program Expenses:	
Grants	623,615
Program Administration:	
Executive Director's Salary	34,666
Executive Director's Payroll Taxes	2,652
Executive Director's Benefits	1,544
Accounting	2,000
Employee Benefits	7,268
Mailing List	957
Office	6,268
Payroll Service	684
Payroll Taxes	7,017
Postage & Printing	1,261
Rent	5,250
Salaries	58,883
State Registration Fees	4,401
Supplies	2,918
Telephone	2,061
Total	<u>\$ 761,445</u>
Management and General Expenses:	
Executive Director's Salary	34,666
Executive Director's Payroll Taxes	2,652
Executive Director's Benefits	1,544
Accounting	2,000
Employee Benefits	8,722
Mailing List	957
Office	5,454
Payroll Service	1,025
Payroll Taxes	7,017
Postage & Printing	1,513
Rent	5,250
Salaries	70,659
Supplies	3,502
Telephone	1,237
Total	<u>\$ 146,198</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.  
Statement of Functional Expenses (continued)  
Year Ended June 30, 2018

Fund Raising Expenses:	
Executive Director's Salary	34,666
Executive Director's Benefits	2,652
Executive Payroll Taxes	1,544
Credit Card Fees	12,915
Employee Benefits	13,083
Mailing List	4,465
Office	6,457
Payroll Service	1,709
Payroll Taxes	7,017
Postage & Printing	2,270
Rent	5,250
Salaries	105,989
Supplies	5,253
Telephone	4,946
	\$ 208,216
	\$ 208,216

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.  
Notes to Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2018

**Note 1: Nature of Organization and Significant Accounting Policies**

Equal Justice America, Inc. (the Organization) is a not-for-profit organization that provides grants to legal service organizations that deliver civil legal assistance to the poor. The Board of Directors and management employees of the Organization acknowledge that, to the best of their ability, all assets received have been used for the purpose for which they were contributed, or have been accumulated to allow management to conduct the operations of the Organization as effectively and efficiently as possible.

*Support and Expenses.* Contributions received and unconditional promises to give are measured at their fair values and are reported as an increase in net assets. The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets, or as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets, or if they are designed as support for future periods. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activity as net assets released from restrictions. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support. Currently, the Organization only has unrestricted net assets.

Expenses are recorded when incurred in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting.

*Donated Services.* A substantial number of unpaid volunteers have made significant contributions of their time to assist in the Organization's programs; however, the donated services are not reflected in the financial statements since the services do not require specialized skills.

*Use of Estimates.* The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents.* Cash consists of cash held in a checking account and money market account.

EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.  
Notes to Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2018

**Note 1. (continued)**

*Income Taxes.* The organization is a not-for-profit corporation whose revenue is derived from contributions from individuals, corporations, and other non-profit entities and is not subject to federal or state income taxes.

*Fixed Assets.* Acquisitions of fixed assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets and computed on the straight-line method, generally 5 to 7 years.

**Note 2: Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment, is comprised of the following:

Furniture and equipment	\$ 1,185
Machinery and equipment	<u>28,616</u>
	29,801
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(29,801)</u>
	<u><u>\$</u></u>

**Note 3: Functional Allocation of Expenses**

The costs of providing the various programs, fund-raising, and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain cost have been allocated among the programs and fund-raising activities benefited.



# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

**2017**

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

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**A** For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 7/1/2017, and ending 6/30/2018

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.  
 Doing business as \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
13540 EAST BOUNDARY ROAD, BLDG 2 204  
 City or town State ZIP code  
Midlothian VA 23112  
 Foreign country name Foreign province/state/county Foreign postal code

**D** Employer identification number  
13-3708596

**E** Telephone number  
(804) 744-4200

**G** Gross receipts \$ 1,119,845

**F** Name and address of principal officer:  
DAN RUBEN 13540 E. BOUNDARY ROAD, MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112

**H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** Are all subordinates included?  Yes  No  
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

**I** Tax-exempt status:  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: WWW.EQUALJUSTICEAMERICA.ORG

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶

**L** Year of formation: 1992 **M** State of legal domicile: VA

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

Part I Summary		Prior Year	Current Year
Activities & Governance	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>PROVIDES GRANTS TO LEGAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS THAT DELIVER LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR AND DISADVANTAGED. THE GRANTS ARE USED TO SPONSOR FELLOWSHIPS FOR LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS.</u>		
	<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) . . . . .	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .	<u>7a</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .	<u>7b</u>	<u>0</u>	
Revenue	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .	<u>1,109,580</u>	<u>1,119,721</u>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .		<u>0</u>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . . .	<u>413</u>	<u>124</u>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) . . . . .		<u>0</u>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	<u>1,109,993</u>	<u>1,119,845</u>
Expenses	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) . . . . .	<u>661,977</u>	<u>623,615</u>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) . . . . .	<u>359,307</u>	<u>402,241</u>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>208,216</u>		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) . . . . .	<u>88,106</u>	<u>90,003</u>
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	<u>1,109,390</u>	<u>1,115,859</u>	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .	<u>603</u>	<u>3,986</u>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .	<u>195,486</u>	<u>279,545</u>
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .	<u>153,770</u>	<u>233,843</u>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	<u>41,716</u>	<u>45,702</u>

**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.

**Sign Here** Signature of officer: David Santacroce, President Date: 12/20/18  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name <u>Michael Hultzapfle</u>	Preparer's signature <u>Michael Hultzapfle</u>	Date <u>12/2/2018</u>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN <u>P00645500</u>
Firm's name ▶ <u>Fiduciary Financial Ltd</u>		Firm's EIN ▶ <u>31-1743123</u>		
Firm's address ▶ <u>1913 Stuart Avenue, Richmond, VA 23220</u>		Phone no. <u>804 657-7889</u>		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:  
PROVIDES GRANTS TO LEGAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS THAT DELIVER LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR AND DISADVANTAGED. THE GRANTS ARE USED TO SPONSOR FELLOWSHIPS FOR LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS.

**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 \$ 761,445 including grants of \$ 623,615 ) (Revenue \$ )  
GRANTS TO LEGAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE THE POOR AND DISADVANTAGED.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4d** Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)  
(Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

**4e** Total program service expenses ▶ 761,445

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	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>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?		X
3	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>		X
4	<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>		X
5	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>		X
6	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>		X
7	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>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i>		X
9	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>		X
10	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>		X
11	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.		
a	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>	X	
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>		X
c	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>		X
d	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>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		X
f	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>		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII.</i>	X	
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>		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
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>		X
15	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>		X
16	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>		X
17	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</i> (see instructions).		X
18	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>		X
19	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>		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?		
<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?		
<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?		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<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>		
<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 Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V. [X]

Table with columns for line numbers (1a-14b), descriptions, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, unrelated business income, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, and charitable contributions.

**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 . . . . . 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>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . .		
<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? . . . . .		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? . . . . .		X
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .		X
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .		X
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .		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? . . . . .		X
<b>7b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . . . .		X
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body? . . . . .	X	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	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 . . . . .		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? . . . . .		X
<b>10b</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>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . .	X	
<b>11b</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 . . . . .	X	
<b>12b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	X	
<b>12c</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done . . . . .	X	
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	X	
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	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>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official. . . . .	X	
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .		X
<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? . . . . .		X
<b>16b</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? . . . . .		

**Section C. Disclosure**

<b>17</b>	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed <span style="float: right;">▶ See Attached Statement</span>
<b>18</b>	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. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)
<b>19</b>	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.
<b>20</b>	State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: <span style="float: right;">▶</span> DAN RUBEN <span style="float: right;">(804) 744-4200</span> 13540 EAST BOUNDARY ROAD, MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112

**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			
(1) Sonia Marquez Director	2.00 0.00	X					0	0	0
(2) Lisa Tracy Director	2.00 0.00	X					0	0	0
(3) Elise Rivers Director	2.00 0.00	X					0	0	0
(4) David Santacroce President	2.00 0.00	X		X			0	0	0
(5) Larry Zabar Treasurer	2.00 0.00	X		X			0	0	0
(6) Dan Ruben Exec. Director	40.00 0.00				X		104,000	0	0
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									

**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) .....										
(16) .....										
(17) .....										
(18) .....										
(19) .....										
(20) .....										
(21) .....										
(22) .....										
(23) .....										
(24) .....										
(25) .....										
<b>1b Sub-total</b> .....							104,000	0	0	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....							0	0	0	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....							104,000	0	0	

**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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual.</i> .....		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual.</i> .....		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person.</i> .....		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
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **▶** 0



**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	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b>	0				
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>	0				
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>	0				
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>	0				
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions) . . . . .	<b>1e</b>	0				
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . . . . .	<b>1f</b>	1,119,721				
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ . . . . .		0				
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶		1,119,721				
	Program Service Revenue				<b>Business Code</b>			
<b>2a</b>		. . . . .		0				
<b>b</b>		. . . . .		0				
<b>c</b>		. . . . .		0				
<b>d</b>		. . . . .		0				
<b>e</b>		. . . . .		0				
<b>f</b>		All other program service revenue . . . . .		0				
<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ▶		0					
Other Revenue	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶		124	124			
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . . ▶		0				
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . . ▶		0				
	<b>6a</b>			(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		Gross rents . . . . .						
		Less: rental expenses . . . . .						
	<b>c</b>	Rental income or (loss) . . . . .		0	0			
	<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶		0				
	<b>7a</b>			(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory . . . . .		0	0			
		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .		0	0			
	<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) . . . . .		0	0			
	<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶		0				
	<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .		0				
	<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . .		0				
	<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . . ▶		0				
	<b>9a</b>							
Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .		0						
Less: direct expenses . . . . .		0						
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . . ▶		0					
<b>10a</b>								
	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .		0					
	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .		0					
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . . ▶		0					
Miscellaneous Revenue			<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11a</b>	. . . . .							
<b>b</b>	. . . . .							
<b>c</b>	. . . . .							
<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▶		0					
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions. . . . . ▶		1,119,845	124	0	0		

**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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	623,615	623,615		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	103,998	34,666	34,666	34,666
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .	0			
7	Other salaries and wages . . . . .	235,531	58,883	70,659	105,989
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	0			
9	Other employee benefits . . . . .	33,705	8,812	10,266	14,627
10	Payroll taxes . . . . .	29,007	9,669	9,669	9,669
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management . . . . .	0			
b	Legal . . . . .	0			
c	Accounting . . . . .	4,000	2,000	2,000	
d	Lobbying . . . . .	0			
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .	0			
f	Investment management fees . . . . .	0			
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	3,418	684	1,025	1,709
12	Advertising and promotion . . . . .	0			
13	Office expenses . . . . .	43,140	12,508	11,706	18,926
14	Information technology . . . . .	0			
15	Royalties . . . . .	0			
16	Occupancy . . . . .	15,750	5,250	5,250	5,250
17	Travel . . . . .	0			
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	0			
20	Interest . . . . .	0			
21	Payments to affiliates . . . . .	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	0	0	0	0
23	Insurance . . . . .	0			
24	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.)				
a	Mailings	6,379	957	957	4,465
b	Credit Card Fees	12,915			12,915
c	State Fees	4,401	4,401		
d		0			
e	All other expenses	0			
25	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e . . . . .	1,115,859	761,445	146,198	208,216
26	<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)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	9,381	<b>1</b>	32,276
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	58,105	<b>2</b>	93,269
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	128,000	<b>3</b>	154,000
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	0	<b>4</b>	0
	<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 . . . . .	0	<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 . . . . .	0	<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .	0	<b>7</b>	0
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	0	<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	0	<b>9</b>	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b> 29,801		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b> 29,801	0	<b>10c</b> 0
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	0	<b>11</b>	0
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>12</b>	0
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>13</b>	0
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .	0	<b>14</b>	0
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>15</b>	0
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	195,486	<b>16</b>	279,545	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	1,770	<b>17</b>	1,450
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .	152,000	<b>18</b>	232,393
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	0	<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .	0	<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .	0	<b>21</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 . . . . .	0	<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0	<b>23</b>	0
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0	<b>24</b>	0
	<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 . . . . .	0	<b>25</b>	0
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	153,770	<b>26</b>	233,843
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	41,716	<b>27</b>	45,702
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	0	<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	0	<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .	0	<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .	0	<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	41,716	<b>33</b>	45,702	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	195,486	<b>34</b>	279,545	

**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>	1,119,845
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	<b>2</b>	1,115,859
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	3,986
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	41,716
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>5</b>	
<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>	45,702

**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 . . . . .		X

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2017**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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.**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

<b>Name of the organization</b> EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.	<b>Employer identification number</b> 13-3708596
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**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>					0	0

**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.") . . . . .	1,061,712	1,150,946	1,065,068	1,109,589	1,119,721	5,507,036
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						0
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						0
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	1,061,712	1,150,946	1,065,068	1,109,589	1,119,721	5,507,036
<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) . . . . .						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,507,036

**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 . . . . .	1,061,712	1,150,946	1,065,068	1,109,589	1,119,721	5,507,036
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .	528	448	606	413	124	2,119
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						0
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						0
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 . . . . .						5,509,155
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					<b>12</b>	
<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>	99.96%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	99.95%
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2017.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2016.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% 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.)

**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.")	67,503	66,262	70,354	63,819	42,793	310,731
<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 . . . . .	10,565	10,866	13,871	28,432	15,565	79,299
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 . . . . .						0
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						0
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						0
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . . .	78,068	77,128	84,225	92,251	58,358	390,030
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . . .						0
<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 . . . . .	14,711	17,368	5,000	29,048	5,000	71,127
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .	14,711	17,368	5,000	29,048	5,000	71,127
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						318,903

**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 . . . . .	78,068	77,128	84,225	92,251	58,358	390,030
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .	14,831	9,041	10,336	11,856	13,158	59,222
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .						0
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .	14,831	9,041	10,336	11,856	13,158	59,222
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						0
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						0
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .	92,899	86,169	94,561	104,107	71,516	449,252

**14 First five years.** 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 **stop here** . . . . .

**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>	70.99%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	72.07%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2017</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	13.18%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2016</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	13.55%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2017.** 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 **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**b 33 1/3% support tests—2016.** 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 **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .

**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.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c	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)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI 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.</i>		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, 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).</i>		
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?		
c	<b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6	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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a	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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c	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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a	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)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		



**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> 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>11a</b>		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>11b</b>		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>11c</b>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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? <i>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.</i>		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> 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? <i>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.</i>		
<b>2</b>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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)? <i>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).</i>		
<b>1</b>		

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> 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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		
<b>3</b>		

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

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).			
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		Yes	No
<b>a</b> 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? <i>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.</i>			
<b>2a</b>			
<b>b</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? <i>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.</i>			
<b>2b</b>			
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
<b>a</b> 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? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>			
<b>3a</b>			
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>			
<b>3b</b>			

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

- 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.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain		
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions		
3	Other gross income (see instructions)		
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	0	0
5	Depreciation and depletion		
6	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)		
7	Other expenses (see instructions)		
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4).	0	0
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	0
e <b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):			
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	0
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	0
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	0
6	Multiply line 5 by .035.	6	0
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	0
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	0
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	0
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	0
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	0
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	0
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	0
7	<input type="checkbox"/> 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)**

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 Part VI). See instructions.	
7 <b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	0
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	0
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	0.000

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			0
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b> From 2013 . . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2014. . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2015 . . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2016 . . . . .			
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through e	0		
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years		0	
<b>h</b> Applied to 2017 distributable amount			0
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.	0		
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$ 0			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years		0	
<b>b</b> Applied to 2017 distributable amount			0
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.	0		
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 Part VI. See instructions.		0	
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			0
7 <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2018.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.	0		
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2013 . . . . .	0		
<b>b</b> Excess from 2014 . . . . .	0		
<b>c</b> Excess from 2015 . . . . .	0		
<b>d</b> Excess from 2016 . . . . .	0		
<b>e</b> Excess from 2017 . . . . .	0		



**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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Name of the organization EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.	Employer identification number 13-3708596
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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.

	(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.

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 . . . . .	Held at the End of the Tax Year
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements . . . . .	<b>2a</b>
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) . . . . .	<b>2b</b>
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register . . . . .	<b>2c</b>
	<b>2d</b>
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.

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 |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance             | 1c     |
| d Additions during the year     | 1d     |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e     |
| f Ending balance                | 1f 0   |
- 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
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	0	0	0	0	0

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  %
  - b Permanent endowment  %
  - c Temporarily restricted endowment  %
- 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:
- |  | Yes    | No |
|--|--------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations  | 3a(i)  |    |
| (ii) related organizations   | 3a(ii) |    |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b     |    |
- 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
1a Land	0	0	0	0
b Buildings	0	0	0	0
c Leasehold improvements	0	0	0	0
d Equipment	0	29,801	29,801	0
e Other	0	0	0	0

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)  0

**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 . . . . .	0	
(2) Closely-held equity interests . . . . .	0	
(3) Other		
(A) -----		
(B) -----		
(C) -----		
(D) -----		
(E) -----		
(F) -----		
(G) -----		
(H) -----		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶	0	

**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.

(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.) ▶	0	

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(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.) ▶	0

**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.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	0
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	0

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.

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e). Line 1: Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements. Line 2: Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12. Line 3: Subtract line 2e from line 1. Line 4: Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1. Line 5: Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. Values: 1,119,845, 0, 1,119,845, 0, 1,119,845.

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.

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e). Line 1: Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements. Line 2: Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25. Line 3: Subtract line 2e from line 1. Line 4: Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1. Line 5: Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. Values: 1,115,859, 0, 1,115,859, 0, 1,115,859.

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.

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**Part XIII** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2017**

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Department of the Treasury  
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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

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Name of the organization

EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.

Employer identification number

13-3708596

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  **Yes**  **No**
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

<b>1 (a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of noncash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) ABC for Health 32 N Bassett St Madison, WI 53703	39-1783748	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(2) ACLU Of Florida 4343 West Flagler Street, Suite 400 M	23-7137529	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(3) ACLU of Pennsylvania P.O. Box 60173 Philadelphia, PA 1910	23-1742013	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(4) ACLU of Southern California 1313 W Eighth Street Los Angeles, CA	95-2673361	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(5) ACLU of Washington 901 5th Avenue, Suite 630 Seattle, WA	23-7076867	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(6) Advocates for Children Of New York 151 West 30th Street, Fifth Floor New	11-2247307	501c3	2,500				Legal Grant
(7) Alaska Legal Services Corporation 1016 W 6th Avenue, Suite 200 Anchor	92-0034754	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(8) Allegheny County Bar Foundation 400 Koppers Building 436 7th Avenue	25-1383622	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(9) Appalachian Research and Defens 120 North Front Avenue Prestonsburg	61-0848948	501c3	4,000				Legal Grant
(10) ArchCity Defenders 812 North Collins Street Chesterfield, M	47-4000439	501c3	1,500				Legal Grant
(11) Ayuda 6925-B Willow Street NW Washington,	52-0971440	501c3	65,000				Legal Grant
(12) Bay Area Legal Aid 1735 Telegraph Avenue Oakland, CA	94-1631316	501c3	7,000				Legal Grant

**2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

**3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 120

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2017)



## Continuation Sheet for Schedule I (Form 990)

Name of the organization EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA, INC.	Employer identification number 13-3708596
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**Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States**

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(13) Bet Tzedek Legal Services 145 South Fairfax Avenue, Suite 200 Los Ang	23-7304205	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(14) Bread For The City 1525 Seventh St NW Washington, DC 20001	52-1138207	501c3	4,000				Legal Grant
(15) Bronx Defenders 360 East 161st Street Bronx, NY 10451	13-3931074	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(16) Brooklyn Defender Services 177 Livingston Street Brooklyn, NY 11201	11-3305406	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(17) Brooklyn Legal Services Corp. A 256-60 Broadway Brooklyn, NY 11211	13-2605599	501c3	5,500				Legal Grant
(18) California Rural Legal Assistance 1430 Franklin Street, Suite 103 Oakland, CA 9	95-2428657	501c3	4,500				Legal Grant
(19) Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition 1612 K Street NW, Suite 204 Washington, DC	52-2141497	501c3	3,000				Legal Grant
(20) Catholic Charities Of Los Angeles 1531 James M Wood Blvd., P.O. Box 15095 L	95-1690973	501c3	2,750				Legal Grant
(21) Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of C 2900 Louisiana Street Houston, TX 77006	74-1109733	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(22) Center for Children's Advocacy 65 Elizabeth Street Hartford, CT 06105	06-1489575	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(23) Center For Disability And Elder Law 205 W. Randolph Suite 1610 Chicago, IL 6060	36-3203809	501c3	2,250				Legal Grant
(24) Center for Reproductive Rights 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor New York, NY 1	13-3669731	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(25) Central Virginia Legal Aid Society 101 West Broad Street, Suite 101 Richmond, V	54-0900644	501c3	9,500				Legal Grant
(26) Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rig 100 N La Salle Street, Suite 600 Chicago, IL 6	51-0189264	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(27) Chicago Legal Clinic 2938 E. 91st Street Chicago, IL 60617	36-3200465	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(28) Children's Law Center Of California 901 Corporate Center Dr Ste 202 Monterey Pa	95-4252143	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(29) Children's Rights 88 Pine Street, Suite 800 New York, NY 10005	13-3801864	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant

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**Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States**

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(30) Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida 491 N State Road 7 Plantation, FL 33317	90-0089501	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(31) Colorado Legal Services 1905 Sherman Street, Suite 400 Denver, CO 8	84-0402702	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(32) Community Activism Law Alliance 332 Michigan Ave, Ste 1032c297 Chicago, IL	46-5386556	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(33) Community Legal Services 1424 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19102	23-1671562	501c3	1,900				Legal Grant
(34) Community Legal Services Of Philadelphia 1424 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19102	23-1671562	501c3	6,551				Legal Grant
(35) Community Refugee And Immigration Se 1925 E Dublin Granville Columbus, OH 43229	31-1674893	501c3	150				Legal Grant
(36) Council for Childrens Rights 601 E 5th Street, Suite 510 Charlotte, NC 282	56-1325184	501c3	500				Legal Grant
(37) Disability Rights New Jersey 210 South Broad Street Trenton, NJ 08608	22-3317146	501c3	2,250				Legal Grant
(38) East Bay Community Law Center 2921 Adeline Street Berkeley, CA 94703	94-3042565	501c3	15,950				Legal Grant
(39) Education Law Center 1315 Walnut Street, 4th Floor Philadelphia, PA	23-2581102	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(40) EJA Disability Law Clinic 78 North Broadway White Plains, NY 10603	13-5562314	501c3	26,004				Legal Grant
(41) Equip for Equality 20 N Michigan Avenue, Suite 300 Chicago, IL	36-3361312	501c3	2,250				Legal Grant
(42) Eviction Defense Collaborative 995 Market St #1200 San Francisco, CA 9410	94-3342323	501c3	2,400				Legal Grant
(43) First Shift Justice Project P.O. Box 2497 Washington, DC 20013	46-5477121	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(44) Florida Legal Services 14260 W Newberry Road Newberry, FL 32669	59-1436126	501c3	5,125				Legal Grant
(45) George Washington University 2121 I Street NW Washington, DC 20052	53-0196584	501c3	2,250				Legal Grant
(46) GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders 18 Tremont Street, Suite 950 Boston, MA 021	04-2660498	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(47) Greater Boston Legal Services 197 Friend Street Boston, MA 02114	04-2103907	501c3	104,649				Legal Grant
(48) Harvard Legal Aid Bureau 23 Everett Street, First Floor Cambridge, MA	04-6064211	501c3	6,000				Legal Grant
(49) HIAS 1300 Spring Street Silver Spring, MD 20910	13-5633307	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(50) Immigrant Defenders Law Center 634 S Spring Street, 10th Floor Los Angeles, CA	47-4473312	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(51) Jewish Family and Community Services 5743 Bartlett Street Pittsburgh, PA 15217	25-0965407	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(52) Journeys End Refugee Services 2495 Main Street, Suite 530 Buffalo, NY 14214	16-1242203	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(53) Lambda Legal 120 Wall Street, 19th floor New York, NY 10006	23-7395681	501c3	2,500				Legal Grant
(54) Lawndale Christian Legal Center 1530 S Hamlin Ave Chicago, IL 60623	27-2285007	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(55) Lawyers Committee For Better Housing 100 W. Monroe Chicago, IL 60603	36-3134577	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(56) Legal Advocates for Children and Youth 152 North Third Street, 3rd Floor San Jose, CA	52-1014754	501c3	1,900				Legal Grant
(57) Legal Aid At Work 180 Montgomery Street, Suite 600 San Francisco, CA	94-2783401	501c3	3,000				Legal Grant
(58) Legal Aid Foundation Of Los Angeles 1102 Crenshaw Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90018	95-1684067	501c3	5,464				Legal Grant
(59) Legal Aid Justice Center 1000 Preston Avenue, Suite A Charlottesville, VA	54-0884513	501c3	3,750				Legal Grant
(60) Legal Aid of North Carolina 224 S Dawson Street Raleigh, NC 27601	31-1784161	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(61) Legal Aid Service of Collier County 491 North State Road 7 Plantation, FL 33317	59-1547191	501c3	2,500				Legal Grant
(62) Legal Aid Services Of Oregon 520 SW 6th Ave, Ste 1130 Portland, OR 97205	93-0635480	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(63) Legal Aid Society 199 Water Street New York, NY 10038	13-5562265	501c3	8,000				Legal Grant

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(64) Legal Aid Society of D.C. 1331 H Street, Suite 350 Washington, DC 200	53-0196600	501c3	1,750				Legal Grant
(65) Legal Aid Society Of Eastern Virginia 125 St. Pauls Bloulevard Norfolk, VA 23510	54-0848499	501c3	3,000				Legal Grant
(66) Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee 728 N James Lovell Street, 3rd Floor N Suit M	39-0806284	501c3	1,250				Legal Grant
(67) Legal Assistance Foundation 111 W. Jackson Boulevard, 3rd Floor Chicago	36-2754650	501c3	84,920				Legal Grant
(68) Legal Assistance of Western New York 361 S Main Street Geneva, NY 14456	16-0955954	501c3	1,500				Legal Grant
(69) Legal Services for Children 1254 Market Street, Third Floor San Francisco	51-0169463	501c3	1,900				Legal Grant
(70) Legal Services of Eastern Michigan 436 S Saginaw Street, Suite 101 Flint, MI 4850	38-1958131	501c3	1,300				Legal Grant
(71) Legal Services of Northern Virginia 4080 Chain Bridge Road Fairfax, VA 22030	54-1137931	501c3	3,500				Legal Grant
(72) Legal Services of South Central Michigan 420 N. Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor, MI 48104	38-1845444	501c3	5,800				Legal Grant
(73) Lincoln Square Legal Services 33 West 60TH Street New York, NY 10023	06-1484152	501c3	9,600				Legal Grant
(74) Lone Star Legal Aid 1415 Fannin Street, 3rd Floor Houston, TX 770	74-1537787	501c3	2,500				Legal Grant
(75) Louisiana Center for Childrens Rights 1100 Milton Street, Suite B New Orleans, LA 7	20-5961971	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(76) Marshall-Wythe School of Law Foundatio PO Box 8795 Williamsburg, VA 23187	54-1224563	501c3	5,000				Legal Grant
(77) Massachusetts Advocates For Children 25 Kingston Street, 2nd floor Boston, MA 0211	04-2488456	501c3	3,000				Legal Grant
(78) Metropolitan Family Services One North Dearborn, 10th Floor Chicago, IL 6	36-2167940	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(79) Metrowest Legal Services Inc 63 Fountain Street, Suite 304 Framingham, M	04-3177488	501c3	5,000				Legal Grant
(80) Michigan Poverty Law Program 420 N 4th Ave Ann Arbor, MI 48104	38-1845444	501c3	3,650				Legal Grant

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(81) Migrant Legal Action Program 1001 Connecticut Ave NW, Ste 915 Washington, DC 20004	52-0913158	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(82) Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem 317 Lenox Avenue, 10th Floor New York, NY 10017	06-1296692	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(83) Neighborhood Legal Services Association 928 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222	25-1157129	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(84) Neighborhood Legal Services Program 680 Rhode Island Avenue NE Washington, DC 20002	52-0858001	501c3	1,250				Legal Grant
(85) New Hampshire Legal Assistance 117 N State Street Concord, NH 03301	02-0300897	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(86) New Haven Legal Assistance Association 426 State Street New Haven, CT 06510	06-0793269	501c3	10,000				Legal Grant
(87) New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice 217 N Prieur Street New Orleans, LA 70112	33-1167415	501c3	1,500				Legal Grant
(88) New York Civil Liberties Union 125 Broad Street, Floor 19 New York, NY 10006	90-0808294	501c3	2,500				Legal Grant
(89) New York Legal Assistance Group 7 Hanover Square, 18th Floor New York, NY 10014	13-3505428	501c3	14,302				Legal Grant
(90) Northeast New Jersey Legal Services 574 Summit Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07306	22-1898061	501c3	922				Legal Grant
(91) Northwest Immigrant Rights Project 615 2nd Avenue, Suite 400 Seattle, WA 98104	91-1393082	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(92) Northwest Justice Project 401 2nd Ave S Ste 407 Seattle, WA 98104	91-1687791	501c3	1,500				Legal Grant
(93) Partnership for Children's Rights 100 William Street, Floor 6 New York, NY 10003	13-4007256	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(94) Philadelphia Legal Assistance 42 South 15th Street, Suite 500 Philadelphia, PA 19102	23-2823744	501c3	2,150				Legal Grant
(95) Prisoners Legal Services (Massachusetts) 10 Winthrop Square, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02108	04-2523362	501c3	3,000				Legal Grant
(96) Pro Bono Institute 1001 G Street NW, Suite 305 West Washington, DC 20004	52-1991509	501c3	1,500				Legal Grant
(97) Public Counsel 610 S Ardmore Ave Los Angeles, CA 90005	23-7105149	501c3	14,579				Legal Grant



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(98) Public Justice Foundation 1620 L St NW, Suite 630 Washington, DC 200	59-1730478	501c3	4,000				Legal Grant
(99) Refugee Services Of Texas 9241 Lyndon B. Johnson, Freeway Ste. 210 D	75-1618251	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(100) Roger Bladwin Foundation of ACLU 150 N Michigan Avenue, Suite 600 Chicago, IL	36-2682569	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(101) Safe Horizon 2 Lafayette Street, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10	13-2946970	501c3	2,250				Legal Grant
(102) Sargent Shriver National Center On Pov 50 East Washington Street, Suite 500 Chicag	36-3151279	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(103) Southern Poverty Law Center 400 Washington Avenue Montgomery, AL 361	63-0598743	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(104) Support Center For Child Advocates 1617 JFK Boulevard, Suite 1200 Philadelphia,	23-2048664	501c3	2,500				Legal Grant
(105) Texas Advocacy Project 1524 S. IH 35 Box 19 Austin, TX 78704	74-2237306	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(106) Texas Civil Rights Project 1405 Montopolis Drive Austin, TX 78741	74-1995879	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(107) Texas Legal Services Center 2101 IH 35 South, Suite 300 Austin, TX 78741	74-2220750	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(108) Texas RioGrande Legal Aid 300 S. Texas Weslaco, TX 78596	74-1675230	501c3	6,500				Legal Grant
(109) The Door's Legal Services Center 121 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10	13-6127348	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(110) The Family Defense Center 70 E. Lake, Suite 1100 Chicago, IL 60601	13-3910716	501c3	3,500				Legal Grant
(111) Three Rivers Legal Services 1000 NE 16th Avenue, Building I, Suite B Gair	59-1797499	501c3	2,000				Legal Grant
(112) UDC Clinical Law Program 4200 Connecticut Avenue NW, Building 38, 2n	52-1863674	501c3	24,000				Legal Grant
(113) Unemployment Action Center 240 Mercer Street New York, NY 10012	13-3244450	501c3	2,500				Legal Grant
(114) University Of Michigan University of Michigan Law School, 313 Legal	38-6006309	501c3	4,500				Legal Grant

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(115) Upsolve 150 Court Street, Suite 2 Brooklyn, NY 11201	82-1736267	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(116) Urban Justice Center 123 William Street, 16th Floor New York, NY	13-342022	501c3	3,000				Legal Grant
(117) Volunteer Lawyers Project, Brooklyn Bar 44 Court Street, Suite 1206, 2nd Floor Brooklyn	11-3155182	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
(118) Washington Legal Clinic For The Homeless 1200 U Street, NW 3rd Floor Washington, DC	52-1545522	501c3	2,500				Legal Grant
(119) Western Cetner on Law and Poverty 3701 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 208 Los Angeles, CA	95-2897721	501c3	1,900				Legal Grant
(120) Youth Law Center 200 Pine Street, Suite 300 San Francisco, CA	94-1715280	501c3	1,000				Legal Grant
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**Part III** Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
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**SCHEDULE O**  
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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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Form 990, Part V, Section B, Line 11: PRIOR TO FILING, THE DIRECTORS REVIEW THE FORM 990.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12: DIRECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION WHENEVER

THERE IS A CHANGE IN THEIR STATUS. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEWS THESE POLICIES ANNUALLY WITH

THE BOARD.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15B: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION IS REVEIUED

ANNUALLY WITH THE BOAR, AND INDEPENDENT BODY.



**Part VI, Line 17 (990) - States with Which a Copy of this Form 990 is Required to be Filed**

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