

Form **990**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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
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OMB No 1545-0047
2017
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2017, and ending 06-30-2018

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

C Name of organization
VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1 EAST 53RD STREET 6TH FLOOR

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
NEW YORK, NY 10022

F Name and address of principal officer
KATHRYN E WAGNER ESQ
1 EAST 53RD STREET 6TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10022

D Employer identification number
13-2936291

E Telephone number
(212) 319-2787

G Gross receipts \$ 1,248,522

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)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ WWW VLANY ORG

L Year of formation 1969 **M** State of legal domicile NY

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1969

M State of legal domicile NY

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
VLA PROVIDES PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES, MEDIATION, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND ADVOCACY TO THE ARTS COMMUNITY IN NEW YORK AND BEYOND LAST YEAR, VLA SERVED MORE THAN 8,500 MEMBERS OF THE ARTS COMMUNITY AND FACILITATED THE CONTRIBUTION OF OVER \$18 MILLION OF FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO ARTISTS IN NEED AND ARTS & CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS (ACOS) IN NEED FROM ALL ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	34
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	34
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	7
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	1,332
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	3,661

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	773,351	865,448
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	73,399	107,290
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	23,400	30,713
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,688	1,752
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	871,838	1,005,203
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	0
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	783,958	760,030
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	52,000
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶163,240		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	255,698	223,008
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,039,656	1,035,038
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-167,818	-29,835
	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,047,874	1,018,797
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	48,833	60,253
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	999,041	958,544

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: *****
Date: 2019-05-03
JAY COHEN ESQ CHAIR
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name FREDERICK MARTENS	Preparer's signature FREDERICK MARTENS	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00298107
Firm's name ▶ LUTZ AND CARR CPAS LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 13-1655065	
Firm's address ▶ 551 FIFTH AVENUE SUITE 400 NEW YORK, NY 10176			Phone no (212) 697-2299	

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

VLA'S MISSION IS TO ENSURE ACCESS TO DEDICATED LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND EDUCATION TO INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS AND ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS (ACOS) FOCUSING ON NEW YORK STATE AND THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA, VLA STRIVES TO PROTECT THE LIVELIHOODS, BUSINESSES, AND CREATIVE WORKS OF THE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, VLA PROVIDES PRO BONO LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS AND ACOS VLA ALSO OFFERS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND A RANGE OF OTHER SERVICES SUCH AS LEGAL COUNSELING, ADVOCACY, ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND TRAINING OF LAWYERS IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW

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 \$ 532,302 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 12,045)
See Additional Data



















4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 253,676 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 96,895)
See Additional Data

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 785,978

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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI 	Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 		No
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 		No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional 		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) 	Yes	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II 	Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III 		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 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>		No
22 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>		No
23 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>	Yes	
24a 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>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. 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>		No
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>		No
26 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>		No
27 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>		No
28 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)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c 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>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 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>		No
33 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>		No
34 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>		No
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
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>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
37 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>		No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	Yes	

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, deductible contributions, and 501(c)(7), (12), and (29) organizations.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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 [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (34); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (34); 2 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? (No); 3 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? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 7a 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? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (Yes); b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 9 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 (No)

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b 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?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (Yes); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (Yes); 15 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? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); b Other officers or key employees of the organization (Yes); If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (No); 16b 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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed (NY); 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply: [] Own website, [] Another's website, [X] Upon request, [] Other (explain in Schedule O); 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year; 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records (KATHRYN E WAGNER ESQ ONE EAST 53RD STEET 6TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 (212) 319-2787)

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			
See Additional Data Table										
1b Sub-Total										
1c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
1d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							347,237	0	28,671	

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 ▶ **2**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4 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>	Yes	
5 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>		No

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

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	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b	82,570			
	c Fundraising events	1c	311,707			
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	135,900			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	335,271			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____ 14,757					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		865,448			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a CONFERENCES & WORKSHOP	900099	95,245	95,245		
	b LEGAL SVCS-ADMIN FEE	541100	12,045	12,045		
	c _____					
	d _____					
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue		107,290			
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		107,290				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		16,747		16,747	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	161,329			
		(ii) Other				
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	147,363			
		c Gain or (loss)	13,966			
	d Net gain or (loss)		13,966		13,966	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 311,707 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	95,956			
		b Less direct expenses	95,956			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			0			
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less direct expenses					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	1,650				
	b Less cost of goods sold	0				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		1,650	1,650		
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a MISCELLANEOUS	900099	102		102		
b _____						
c _____						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		102				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		1,005,203	108,940	0	30,815	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	227,787	159,451	22,779	45,557
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages.	405,330	362,764	16,724	25,842
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits.	94,374	79,715	5,324	9,335
10 Payroll taxes.	32,539	26,923	2,005	3,611
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management.				
b Legal.				
c Accounting.	17,010		17,010	
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	52,000			52,000
f Investment management fees.	7,740		7,740	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	18,881	1,856	3,380	13,645
12 Advertising and promotion.	5,100	3,966	55	1,079
13 Office expenses.	28,544	26,242	755	1,547
14 Information technology.				
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	88,735	80,749	3,549	4,437
17 Travel.				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	4,798	3,137	3	1,658
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	7,656	6,968	305	383
23 Insurance.	19,269	17,534	772	963
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 MISCELLANEOUS	17,395	8,793	5,419	3,183
b PROGRAM FEES, STIPENDS	5,780	5,780	0	0
c SEMINAR EXPENSE	2,100	2,100	0	0
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	1,035,038	785,978	85,820	163,240
26 Joint costs. 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 IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	65,034	1	177,311
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	124,797	3	142,812
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 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		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	31,478	9	34,163
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	127,968		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	113,426		
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	797,977	11	643,579
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	6,390	15	6,390
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,047,874	16	1,018,797	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	43,333	17	50,253
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	5,500	19	10,000
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 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		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 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		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	48,833	26	60,253
Net Assets or Fund Balances	27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. Unrestricted net assets	984,391	27	925,702
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	14,650	28	32,842
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	30 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	999,041	33	958,544
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,047,874	34	1,018,797

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,005,203
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,035,038
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-29,835
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	999,041
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-10,662
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	958,544

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
<p>1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O</p>		
<p>2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?</p> <p>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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>		No
<p>b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?</p> <p>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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>	Yes	
<p>c 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?</p> <p>If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O</p>	Yes	
<p>3a 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?</p>		No
<p>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</p>		

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Form 990 (2017)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

LEGAL SERVICES VLA'S DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDES THE ARTS COMMUNITY WITH ACCESS TO SERVICES THROUGH LEGAL CLINICS AND IN-HOUSE CONSULTATIONS, WHERE ARTISTS AND ACOS CAN SEEK ADVICE ON ARTS-RELATED LEGAL ISSUES FROM VLA STAFF AND VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS, AND PRO BONO PLACEMENTS FOR LOW-INCOME ARTISTS AND ACOS WITH ONE OF APPROXIMATELY 1,332 VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS IN FY18, VLA PROVIDED MORE THAN 32,000 HOURS OF PRO BONO LEGAL WORK TO THE NEW YORK ARTS COMMUNITY MORE THAN 1,332 VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS, 4 STAFF ATTORNEYS, AND 61 LAW STUDENT INTERNS AND LEGAL FELLOWS PROVIDED VITAL INFORMATION AND LEGAL COUNSELING TO THOUSANDS OF ARTISTS AND ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS ON ISSUES AFFECTING THEIR ART FOR EXAMPLE, VLA ATTORNEYS REVIEW A WIDE RANGE OF CONTRACTS INCLUDING GALLERY CONSIGNMENT AGREEMENTS, TALENT RELEASE AGREEMENTS, LICENSING AGREEMENTS FOR MUSICIANS AND FASHION DESIGNERS, AND COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS FOR CHOREOGRAPHERS VLA ALSO ASSISTS ARTS ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS DANCE AND THEATRE COMPANIES WITH INCORPORATING AS NONPROFITS AND RECEIVING 501(C)(3) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS AND, VLA ATTORNEYS REPRESENT ITS ARTISTS AND ACOS IN COPYRIGHT AND CONTRACTUAL DISPUTES BEFORE COURTS AND MEDIATORS

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

EDUCATION VLA EDUCATES INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS, ARTS PROFESSIONALS WITHIN ACOS, ATTORNEYS, STUDENTS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT LEGAL AND BUSINESS ISSUES THAT AFFECT ARTISTS AND THEIR CREATIVE ENDEAVORS CLASSES ARE OFTEN AN ARTIST'S FIRST EXPOSURE TO VLA, AND PLAY A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE IN HELPING ARTISTS AND ACOS IDENTIFY THE IMPORTANT LEGAL AND BUSINESS ISSUES THEY FACE, AND IN TEACHING THEM HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS VLA'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE ALSO A VITAL RESOURCE FOR THE ARTS COMMUNITY AND THE LAWYERS WHO SERVE IT IN FY18, VLA SERVED MORE THAN 1,872 INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS, ARTS ORGANIZATIONS, ATTORNEYS, AND LAW STUDENTS THROUGH CLASSES, SEMINARS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, AND WORKSHOPS FOR THE ARTS AND LEGAL COMMUNITIES VLA'S EDUCATION PROGRAMMING ALSO INCLUDES INTERNSHIPS FOR LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS, PARTICIPATION IN PREPARING MATERIALS FOR LEGAL PUBLICATIONS, VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND A PUBLIC ART LAW RESOURCE LIBRARY VLA'S HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CORE CLASSES INCLUDE COPYRIGHT FOR ARTISTS, CONTRACT ESSENTIALS FOR ARTISTS, FOR PROFIT INCORPORATION, AND NONPROFIT INCORPORATION AND TAX-EXEMPT STATUS VLA ALSO OFFERS CLASSES THAT ADDRESS SPECIFIC LEGAL ISSUES FACED BY DIFFERENT CREATIVE DISCIPLINES SUCH AS PHOTOGRAPHY, CONTEMPORARY ART, CHOREOGRAPHY, DANCE, FILMMAKING, MUSIC, AND THEATER VLA'S CLASS OFFERINGS CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AS NEW LEGAL ISSUES EMERGE, AND IN RESPONSE TO DEMAND FROM THE ARTS COMMUNITY

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
DAVID LEICHTMAN ESQ CHAIRMAN	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
CYNTHIA S ARATO ESQ TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
MICHAEL E SALZMAN ESQ SECRETARY	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
HARRY BALLAN ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
ANDREW H BART ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JUNE M BESEK ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
ADAM I COHEN ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JAY COHEN ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
EDWARD COPELAND ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
CYNTHIA DAIGNAULT ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
MARGARET A DALE ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DONNA ROSS DANIELS ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
TIMOTHY J DEBAETS ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN F DELANEY ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
ERIC J FRIEDMAN ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
LAURA GOLDBARD GEORGE ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
GARY H GLASER ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
KEVIN W GOERING ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
WENDY J HALLEY ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARK P HANNAFEY ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
MICHAEL T HEYRICH ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DANIEL ILAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
MICHAEL C LASKY ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DEIRDRE M MCDONALD ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
PATRICK MCMULLAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARIE NOBLE ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
PETER R RIENECKER ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
MICHAEL SCHAPER ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
ANDRES SERRANO BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
BARRY I SLOTNICK ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
PETER R STERN ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JOSEPH C TEDESCHI ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JEDD H WIDER ESQ BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAMIAN WOETZEL BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
KATHRYN E WAGNER ESQ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40 00			X				214,837	0	13,617
AMY A LEHMAN DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES	40 00					X		132,400	0	15,054

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS INC

Employer identification number

13-2936291

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		
Total						

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, 8, or 9 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
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grant.")	551,408	894,976	942,504	773,351	865,448	4,027,687
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3	551,408	894,976	942,504	773,351	865,448	4,027,687
5	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)						77,661
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						3,950,026

Section B. Total Support

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7	Amounts from line 4	551,408	894,976	942,504	773,351	865,448	4,027,687
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	15,557	33,698	26,114	21,548	16,747	113,664
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10	Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	2,729	233	9	63	102	3,136
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						4,144,487
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	415,162

13 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

14	Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	95.310 %
15	Public support percentage for 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	95.330 %

- 16a 33 1/3% support test—2017.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% support test—2016.** 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 **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017.** 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 **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016.** 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 **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

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
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2	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						
3	Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
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						
c	Add lines 7a and 7b						
8	Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶		(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9	Amounts from line 6						
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c	Add lines 10a and 10b						
11	Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13	Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

15	Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16	Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18	Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

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 on line 12 of 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? 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.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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.		
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)? 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.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in 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).		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. 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? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
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))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b	A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI</i>		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <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>		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <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>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <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>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2	Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <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>	Yes	No
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>		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
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>		

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

- 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	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
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)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	
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)	1	
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	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
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 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
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	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

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

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

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.
Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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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)

Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

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

	Held at the End of the Year	
a Total number of conservation easements	2a	
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c	
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes 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)? Yes 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 | |
| d Additions during the year | |
| e Distributions during the year | |
| f Ending balance | |
- 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 in 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					

- 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
- | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|
| (i) unrelated organizations | Yes | No |
| 3a(i) | | |
| (ii) related organizations | | |
| 3a(ii) | | |
| b If "Yes" on 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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		29,036	19,423	9,613
d Equipment		90,257	88,795	1,462
e Other		8,675	5,208	3,467
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶				14,542

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)	▶	

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)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)	▶	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	986,801
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-10,662
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-10,662
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	997,463
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	7,740
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	7,740
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	1,005,203

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.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,027,298
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,027,298
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	7,740
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	7,740
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	1,035,038

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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Part XIII **Supplemental Information (continued)**

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- | | |
|---|--|
| a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations | e <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | f <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants |
| c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations | g <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events |
| d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations | |
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1 STETWIN CONSULTING 708 THIRD AVENUE 6TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	FUNDRAISING EVENT CONSULTING		No	366,760	52,000	314,760
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total		▶		366,760	52,000	314,760

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d)
		ANNUAL GALA (event type)	SUMMER BENEFIT (event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	366,760	40,903		407,663
	2 Less Contributions	290,239	21,468		311,707
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	76,521	19,435		95,956
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	51,608	16,423		68,031
	8 Entertainment		900		900
	9 Other direct expenses	24,913	2,112		27,025
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				95,956
11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				0	

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

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

b If "No," explain _____

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

b If "Yes," explain _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a	The organization's facility	%
b	An outside facility	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶
 Address ▶

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶
 Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶
 Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$
 Description of services provided ▶

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

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

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

OMB No 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
▶ **Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Employer identification number
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account		
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III	4c	No
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a The organization?	5a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III	5b	No
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of		
a The organization?	6a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III	6b	No
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	No
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	No
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS INC

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ
Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1	<p>WHEN NOT IN SESSION, VLA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO ACT ON ITS BEHALF TO AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF AT LEAST THREE DIRECTORS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE OTHER ELECTED OFFICERS THAT ARE DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION AND SUCH OTHER DIRECTORS DESIGNATED IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS OF JUNE 30, 2018, VLA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS COMPRISED OF TEN (10) DIRECTORS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY EXERCISE ALL OF THE POWERS OF THE BOARD (UNLESS OTHERWISE RESERVED BY THE BOARD) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF (I) FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR ON ANY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, (II) FIXING COMPENSATION OF THE DIRECTORS FOR SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR ON ANY COMMITTEE, (III) AMENDING OR REPEALING THE BY-LAWS OR ADOPTING NEW BY-LAWS, OR (IV) AMENDING OR REPEALING ANY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHICH BY ITS TERMS SHALL NOT BE SO AMENDABLE OR REPEALABLE WITHOUT OTHERWISE LIMITING ITS POWERS, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF BRIEFS AMICUS CURIAE BY THE CORPORATION, THE GIVING OF TESTIMONY BEFORE ANY GOVERNMENTAL OR OTHER BODY ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION, OR THE PUBLIC ADVOCACY OF ANY POSITION BY THE CORPORATION, PROVIDED THAT PRIOR TO TAKING ANY SUCH ACTION, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL USE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO CONSULT WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO MAY PROVIDE FOR SUCH COMMITTEES, WHOSE MEMBERS NEED NOT BE DIRECTORS AND WHICH SHALL NOT BE STANDING COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE FROM TIME TO TIME AND MAY DELEGATE TO SUCH COMMITTEES OR OTHER BODIES SUCH DUTIES AND POWERS, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW AND WITH THESE BY-LAWS, AS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL DEEM APPROPRIATE</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW FORM 990, AND IT IS THEN PROVIDED TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO FILING

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<p>FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C</p>	<p>ANNUALLY EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EACH OFFICER AND EACH KEY EMPLOYEE SHALL DISCLOSE IN WRITING ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, INCLUDING RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS, WHICH MAY AFFECT THE CORPORATION. KEY EMPLOYEES INCLUDE ANY EMPLOYEE WHO EXERCISES SUBSTANTIAL INFLUENCE OVER VLA'S AFFAIRS. DIRECTORS NEWLY JOINING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MUST DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS PRIOR TO THEIR ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT. DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES SHALL DISCLOSE IN WRITING CONFLICTS AS THEY ARISE DURING ANY YEAR. A CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRANSACTION IS A TRANSACTION WITH THE CORPORATION IN WHICH A DIRECTOR, OFFICER OR KEY EMPLOYEE OF THE CORPORATION HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST, INCLUDING ANY RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS WITH ANOTHER ENTITY IN WHICH THE DIRECTOR, OFFICER, KEY EMPLOYEE OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER(S) HAS A MATERIAL INTEREST OF AT LEAST 35% OWNERSHIP OR IS A GENERAL PARTNER, DIRECTOR, OR OFFICER, UNLESS SUCH ENTITY IS A PARTNERSHIP OR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, IN WHICH CASE THE DIRECTOR, OFFICER, KEY EMPLOYEE OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER(S) HAS AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF AT LEAST 5%. ALL DISCLOSURES SHALL BE PROVIDED TO AND REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, CONSISTING ENTIRELY OF DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS, WHO HAVE NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN THE TRANSACTION. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THOSE DISCLOSURES, IF ANY, THAT IDENTIFY A POTENTIAL CONCERN WITH THE DISCLOSING PARTY TO CLARIFY WHETHER A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS, AND TO ADDRESS THE MATTER IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THIS POLICY. IN ANY MATTER REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IN WHICH A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICER OR KEY EMPLOYEE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE MATERIAL FACTS OF THE TRANSACTION AND THE INDIVIDUAL'S INTEREST SHALL BE DISCLOSED AND THE TRANSACTION APPROVED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE CONSISTING ENTIRELY OF DISINTERESTED DIRECTORS. IN ANY RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE CONDUCTING SUCH VOTE SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE TRANSACTION IS FAIR, REASONABLE AND IN VLA'S BEST INTEREST AT THE TIME OF THE DETERMINATION. IN THEIR DETERMINATIONS, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE TRANSACTIONS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE SHALL REFLECT THE NAMES OF ANY INTERESTED PARTIES, THE NATURE OF THE CONFLICT, THE DETAILS OF THE COMMITTEE'S DELIBERATIONS (SUCH AS DOCUMENTS REVIEWED, ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED, COMPARATIVE COSTS, AND MARKET VALUE), WHETHER THE INTERESTED PARTIES WERE PRESENT DURING DELIBERATIONS AND DURING THE VOTE AND THE RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT. BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE DECLARED OR HAVE BEEN FOUND TO HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER PENDING BEFORE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE SHALL REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATING IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER. SUCH MEMBERS SHALL ALSO REFRAIN FROM ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS' DELIBERATIONS AND VOTING ON THE MATTER. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	MAY REQUEST INFORMATION OR INTERPRETATION FROM THE PERSON OR PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT ANY BOARD MEMBER INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT SHALL NOT VOTE ON SUCH MATTERS ANY BOARD MEMBER WHO IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT A POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER SHOULD REQUEST THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE ORGANIZATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEWS FORM 990 AND OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM COMPARABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEWS REQUESTS FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PROVIDES COPIES AS APPROPRIATE