

Form **990**  
 (Rev. January 2020)  
 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)

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2019**  
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**A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending**

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

**C** Name of organization  
**MAINE EQUAL JUSTICE PARTNERS**

Doing business as  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**126 SEWALL STREET**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**AUGUSTA ME 04330-6822**

**D** Employer identification number  
**04-3346273**

**E** Telephone number  
**207-626-7058**

**G** Gross receipts \$ **1,854,717**

**F** Name and address of principal officer:  
**Rachel Wertheimer**  
**c/o 126 Sewall Street**  
**Augusta ME 04330**

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

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

**J** Website: **www.mejp.org** **H(c)** Group exemption number **U**

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other **U** **L** Year of formation: **1996** **M** State of legal domicile: **ME**

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>Maine Equal Justice is a nonprofit legal aid and economic justice organization working to increase economic security, opportunity, and equity for people in Maine.</b>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>120</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>1,219,619</b>	<b>1,195,672</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>802</b>	<b>1,275</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>98,296</b>	<b>90,285</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>-419</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>1,318,298</b>	<b>1,287,232</b>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>71,641</b>	<b>25,600</b>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>882,614</b>	<b>984,244</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		<b>0</b>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>U</b> <b>69,626</b>		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>396,067</b>	<b>296,678</b>	
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>1,350,322</b>	<b>1,306,522</b>	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>-32,024</b>	<b>-19,290</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>1,714,443</b>	<b>1,806,334</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>15,199</b>	<b>16,794</b>
		<b>1,699,244</b>	<b>1,789,540</b>

**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: **Michael Tarpinian (via efile)** Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type or print name and title: **Treasurer**

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name: **Al Aucella** Preparer's signature: *Al Aucella* Date: **07/29/20** Check  if self-employed PTIN: **P00076293**

Firm's name: **Al Aucella, d/b/a The Bottom Line** Firm's EIN: **01-0462899**

Firm's address: **69 Field Rd Falmouth, ME 04105-1101** Phone no.: **207-781-3853**

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Maine Equal Justice is a nonprofit legal aid and economic justice organization working to increase economic security, opportunity, and equity for people in Maine.

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 X

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 X

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 \$ 358,329 including grants of \$ 15,100 ) (Revenue \$ 1,000 )

Litigation & Other Advocacy: Represents clients (individuals below 200% of the federal poverty level) before administrative agencies, the state legislature and state & federal courts primarily to ensure that they are able to meet basic needs, including food, housing, utilities, health care, and to move out of poverty. MEJ handled more than 644 individual cases in 2019, including administrative and legislative matters as well as direct client services. These included 244 health care (primarily Medicaid related) cases, 251 cases concerning food assistance and income support programs, 5 cases concerning employment issues, 67 cases concerning housing and utility matters, 18 cases concerning consumer issues, and 64 cases involving education or family issues. (See Sch O for more.)

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 208,767 including grants of \$ 3,000 ) (Revenue \$ 275 )

Health Care: In conjunction with the representation noted in 4a, performs legal research, public policy analysis, and develops strategies to improve access to health care for people with low-income at the state level. Specific state activities including providing education on the benefits of Medicaid, preserving and increasing Medicaid access, and promoting the value of good health through Medicaid availability for 257,000 Medicaid enrollees, and increasing awareness of and helping people apply for Medicaid expansion.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 169,100 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

TANF and Parents as Scholars: In conjunction with the representation noted in 4a, performs legal research and public policy analysis, and develops strategies to improve Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Maine's public benefit program for low-income families with dependent children. Specific activities include sustaining benefits for more than 4319 families receiving TANF, including more than 7739 children, as well as improving administrative processes, and increasing access to economic support programs.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 356,921 including grants of \$ 7,500 ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses u 1,093,117

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 22-38. Includes questions about grants, compensation, tax-exempt bonds, excess benefit transactions, and controlled entities.

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

Input box for Part V check

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c. Includes questions about Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on 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 5 columns: Question, 1a, 1b, Yes, No. Rows include questions about voting members, family relationships, management delegation, and document retention.

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

Table with 5 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about local chapters, conflict of interest policies, whistleblower policies, and joint ventures.

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include questions about state filing requirements, public inspection of forms, and disclosure of governing documents.

Maine Equal Justice 126 Sewall Street Augusta

ME 04330-6822 207-626-7058

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

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

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Tina H. Nadeau ..... President	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Rachel Wertheimer ..... VP (President '20)	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Michael Tarpinian ..... Treasurer	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) Lauren Wille ..... Secretary	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Robyn Merrill ..... Executive Director	40.00 0.00			X				90,631	0	16,981
(6) Lisa Black ..... Member	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) Judith Chamberlain ..... Member	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) Shanna Cox ..... Member	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) Charles Dingman ..... Member	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) Ben Grant ..... Member	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(11) Lucky Hollander ..... Member	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week 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			
(12) <b>Emily Howe</b> Member	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(13) <b>Deborah Ibonwa</b> Member (Left Dec)	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(14) <b>Arnold McDonald</b> Member	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(15) <b>Michael V. Saxl</b> Member	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
<b>1b Subtotal</b> u								<b>90,631</b>		<b>16,981</b>
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> u										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> u								<b>90,631</b>		<b>16,981</b>

**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 **u 0**

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

**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 **u 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	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>	<b>8,250</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	<b>1,187,422</b>				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	<b>1g</b>	<b>\$ 7,601</b>				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f	<b>u</b>	<b>1,195,672</b>				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> Educational Services	Business Code <b>611430</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,275</b>			
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b>						
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue						
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f	<b>u</b>	<b>1,275</b>				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	<b>u</b>	<b>35,288</b>			<b>35,288</b>	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	<b>u</b>					
	<b>5</b> Royalties	<b>u</b>					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	<b>6a</b>	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)	<b>6c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)	<b>u</b>					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	<b>7a</b>	(i) Securities	<b>617,568</b>	<b>4,914</b>		
			(ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales exps.	<b>7b</b>	<b>567,485</b>				
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	<b>7c</b>	<b>50,083</b>	<b>4,914</b>			
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)	<b>u</b>	<b>54,997</b>			<b>54,997</b>		
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>8a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>8b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	<b>u</b>						
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>9a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>9b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	<b>u</b>						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>10a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	<b>u</b>						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>11a</b>	Business Code					
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b> All other revenue						
	<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d	<b>u</b>					
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions	<b>u</b>	<b>1,287,232</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,285</b>		

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	<b>25,600</b>	<b>25,600</b>		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	<b>107,629</b>	<b>59,196</b>	<b>26,907</b>	<b>21,526</b>
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	<b>746,210</b>	<b>650,266</b>	<b>69,332</b>	<b>26,612</b>
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	<b>14,808</b>	<b>12,986</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>485</b>
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	<b>49,038</b>	<b>46,792</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,141</b>
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	<b>66,559</b>	<b>55,367</b>	<b>7,518</b>	<b>3,674</b>
<b>11</b> Fees for services (nonemployees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal				
<b>c</b> Accounting	<b>14,622</b>	<b>12,148</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>799</b>
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	<b>49,838</b>	<b>43,799</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>1,264</b>
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	<b>4,409</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>13</b> Office expenses	<b>49,856</b>	<b>29,595</b>	<b>13,914</b>	<b>6,347</b>
<b>14</b> Information technology	<b>60,165</b>	<b>48,736</b>	<b>8,293</b>	<b>3,136</b>
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	<b>39,454</b>	<b>33,377</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>2,019</b>
<b>17</b> Travel	<b>14,178</b>	<b>13,557</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	<b>13,949</b>	<b>13,587</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>20</b> Interest				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	<b>15,679</b>	<b>12,911</b>	<b>1,899</b>	<b>869</b>
<b>23</b> Insurance	<b>9,884</b>	<b>8,944</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a Dues, Library, Subscripts</b>	<b>16,088</b>	<b>15,072</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>506</b>
<b>b Continuing Education</b>	<b>6,407</b>	<b>5,745</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>c Bar Fees &amp; Lobby Fees</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>1,760</b>		
<b>d Parking Tax Payments</b>	<b>389</b>		<b>389</b>	
<b>e</b> All other expenses				
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	<b>1,306,522</b>	<b>1,093,117</b>	<b>143,779</b>	<b>69,626</b>
<b>26</b> 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 X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		1
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	629,834	2
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	376,679	
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	198,381	10c
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	903,164	11
	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		15
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	1,714,443	16	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	15,199	17
	18	Grants payable		18
	19	Deferred revenue		19
	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 any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		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	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	15,199	26
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	1,645,774	27
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	53,470	28
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31
32	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	1,699,244	32	
33	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	1,714,443	33	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	<b>1,287,232</b>
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	<b>1,306,522</b>
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	<b>-19,290</b>
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	<b>1,699,244</b>
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	<b>109,586</b>
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	<b>1,789,540</b>

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>2b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>2c</b>	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.		
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3b</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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

**2019**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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Name of the organization

**MAINE EQUAL JUSTICE PARTNERS**

Employer identification number

**04-3346273**

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

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

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

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

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,727,880	780,060	1,876,038	1,219,619	1,195,672	6,799,269
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	1,727,880	780,060	1,876,038	1,219,619	1,195,672	6,799,269
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						209,925
<b>6</b> Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						6,589,344

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	1,727,880	780,060	1,876,038	1,219,619	1,195,672	6,799,269
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	44,907	40,028	44,275	39,328	35,288	203,826
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on			669			669
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						7,003,764

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 12,936

**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**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	94.08%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	94.19%

**16a 33 1/3% support test—2019.** 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—2018.** 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—2019.** 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—2018.** 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

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

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u Complete if the organization is described below. u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization

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Employer identification number

04-3346273

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. Rows 1-6 are empty.

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

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**  
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	<b>1,273</b>													
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	<b>50,386</b>													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	<b>51,659</b>													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures	<b>1,254,863</b>													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	<b>1,306,522</b>													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	<b>205,652</b>													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.
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Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	<b>51,413</b>													
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	<b>0</b>													
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	<b>0</b>													
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

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

**Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	<b>154,192</b>	<b>225,081</b>	<b>210,032</b>	<b>205,652</b>	<b>794,957</b>
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					<b>1,192,436</b>
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	<b>53,610</b>	<b>114,318</b>	<b>31,713</b>	<b>51,659</b>	<b>251,300</b>
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	<b>38,548</b>	<b>56,270</b>	<b>52,508</b>	<b>51,413</b>	<b>198,739</b>
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					<b>298,109</b>
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	<b>37,607</b>	<b>52,139</b>	<b>9,327</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>100,346</b>



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

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

Table with 3 main columns: (a) Yes/No, (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation...; a Volunteers?; b Paid staff or management...; c Media advertisements?; d Mailings to members...; e Publications...; f Grants to other organizations...; g Direct contact with legislators...; h Rallies, demonstrations...; i Other activities?; j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i; 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?; b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912; c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912; d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?; 2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?; 3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u 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. u Attach to Form 990.

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

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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... Yes No, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees... Yes No.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements, 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution, 3 Number of conservation easements modified, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, 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)?, 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet.

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.

Table with 2 columns: u \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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 FASB 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 FASB 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 make 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 program
- 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:

- c** Beginning balance .....
- d** Additions during the year .....
- e** Distributions during the year .....
- f** Ending balance .....

	Amount
<b>1c</b>	
<b>1d</b>	
<b>1e</b>	
<b>1f</b>	

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

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

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance .....					
<b>b</b> Contributions .....					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses .....					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships .....					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs .....					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses .....					
<b>g</b> 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 **u** .....
- b** Permanent endowment **u** .....
- c** Term endowment **u** .....

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 .....
- (ii)** Related organizations .....

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>		
<b>3a(ii)</b>		
<b>3b</b>		

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

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

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land .....				
<b>b</b> Buildings .....		<b>331,590</b>	<b>163,293</b>	<b>168,297</b>
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements .....				
<b>d</b> Equipment .....		<b>35,625</b>	<b>32,933</b>	<b>2,692</b>
<b>e</b> Other .....				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) **u** **170,989**

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.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of security or category, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows include (1) Financial derivatives, (2) Closely held equity interests, (3) Other (A-H), and a Total row.

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.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of investment, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows are numbered (1) through (9) and a Total row.

Part IX Other Assets.

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description, (b) Book value. Rows are numbered (1) through (9) and a Total row.

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description of liability, (b) Book value. Row 1 includes (1) Federal income taxes and rows (2) through (9). A Total row is at the bottom.

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 FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include descriptions, sub-row labels (2a-2d, 4a-4b), and final totals (1, 2e, 3, 4c, 5).

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

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

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include descriptions, sub-row labels (2a-2d, 4a-4b), and final totals (1, 2e, 3, 4c, 5).

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.

Series of horizontal dotted lines for providing supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.  
u Attach to Form 990.  
u Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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

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

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

1	(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)	<b>Race Forward</b> 145 East 57th St, 4th floor New York NY 10022	94-2759879	501c3	13,600				Training
(2)	<b>University of Maine School of Law</b> 246 Deering Avenue Portland ME 04101	01-0544448		7,500				Lecture Series
(3)								
(4)								
(5)								
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ..... u
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ..... u



**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

⌵ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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**04-3346273****Form 990, Part III - Additional Information****Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - Litigation & Other Advocacy**

(Continued from page 2 of 990): Handled 31 Administrative Advocacy Cases.

Provided 40 trainings to direct service providers, case workers, health centers, and community groups.

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Accomplishments**

ORGANIZING Program Service Expense: \$168,350, incl \$7,500 Grants

LOBBYING ACTIVITY Program Service Expense: \$51,659 incl \$ 0 Grants

FOOD/HUNGER Program Service Expense: \$42,672, incl \$0 Grants

HOUSING Program Service Expense: \$16,250, incl \$ 0 Grants

CONSUMER PROTECTION Program Service Expense: \$77,990, incl \$ 0 Grants

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990**

The entire Board does not receive a copy of this form before filing.

Rather, the Form 990 is sent to all members of the Finance Committee for their review for approval to e-file. Once the 990 has been filed, the staff provides the Board with notice of the filing and emails an electronic copy to any interested Board member.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy**

The Conflict of Interest policy is in the Bylaws. On an annual basis, each Board member, the Executive Director, and Key Employees fill out a Conflict of Interest and Disclosure form.



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Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

The Board approves the Executive Director salary after consulting the Maine Association of Nonprofit annual salary survey and other factors.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

There are no paid Other Officers and Key Employees per the IRS definition.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

Upon request.

Form 990, Part X - Additional Information

Line 17 The Organization uses a modified cash basis of accounting--cash basis with the exceptions of showing accrued payroll taxes and related payroll liabilities, and an annual depreciation entry to update the Balance Sheet assets. The Accounts Payable figure includes payroll taxes and pension liabilities.

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

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u Attach to Form 990.

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) .....					
(2) .....					
(3) .....					
(4) .....					
(5) .....					

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) <b>Maine Equal Justice Project</b> 126 Sewall Street Augusta ME 04330 01-0503454	<b>Advocacy</b>	<b>ME</b>	<b>501c4</b>		<b>N/A</b>		<b>X</b>
(2) .....							
(3) .....							
(4) .....							
(5) .....							

**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate alloc.?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1) .....												
(2) .....												
(3) .....												
(4) .....												

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) .....									
(2) .....									
(3) .....									
(4) .....									

**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

**Note:** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

**a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity

**b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

**c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

**d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

**e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

**f** Dividends from related organization(s)

**g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)

**h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

**i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

**j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

**k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

**l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

**m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

**n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

**o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

**p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

**q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

**r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

**s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		X
<b>1b</b>		X
<b>1c</b>		X
<b>1d</b>		X
<b>1e</b>		X
<b>1f</b>		X
<b>1g</b>		X
<b>1h</b>		X
<b>1i</b>		X
<b>1j</b>		X
<b>1k</b>		X
<b>1l</b>		X
<b>1m</b>		X
<b>1n</b>		X
<b>1o</b>		X
<b>1p</b>		X
<b>1q</b>		X
<b>1r</b>		X
<b>1s</b>		X

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

**Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1) .....													
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