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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Sponsoring organizations and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

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A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2008, and ending 09-30-2009

B

Check if applicable

Address change

Name change

Initial return

Termination

Amended return

Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization

Montana Trial Lawyers Association

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

PO Box 838

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Helena, MT 59624

D Employer identification number

81-0385019

E Telephone number

(406) 443-3124

F Group Exemption Number

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) _____

I Website: WWW.MONTTLA.COM

H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Organization type (check only one) ☒ 501(c)(6) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 278,216

Part I

Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	177,216
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	100,990
	4	Investment income	4	10
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$_____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe _____)	8	
	9	Total revenue (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8)	9	278,216
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	150,235
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,106
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	19,935
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	15,749
	16	Other expenses (describe _____)	16	130,343
	17	Total expenses (add lines 10 through 16)	17	317,368
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-39,152
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	91,681
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) _____	20	3,921
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18 through 20)	21	56,450

Part II

Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II)

(A) Beginning of year

(B) End of year

22 Cash, savings, and investments

83,792

22

48,872

23 Land and buildings

23

24 Other assets (describe _____)

7,889

24

7,578

25 Total assets

91,681

25

56,450

26 Total liabilities (describe _____)

0

26

0

27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) .

91,681

27

56,450


















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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III)		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? THE MONTANA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION IS A MEMBER ORGANIZATION FOR OVER 500 MONTANA ATTORNEYS WHO REPRESENT LITIGANTS TO SECURE A JUST RESULT FOR THE INJURED, THE ACCUSED, AND THOSE WHOSE RIGHTS ARE JEOPARDIZED			
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title			
28 MONTANA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION SPONSORS MONTANA'S PREMIER CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINARS, ACTIVELY INFORMS, EDUCATES AND LOBBIES ELECTED OFFICIALS TO PRESERVE THE CIVIL JURY TRIAL SYSTEM AND ON OTHER ISSUES OF CONCERN TO ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR CLIENTS, AND PROVIDES SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO ENABLE ITS MEMBERS TO EXCEL IN THEIR PROFESSION AND IN THEIR SERVICE TO THEIR CLIENTS (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		28a	141,559
29 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		29a	
30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		30a	
31 Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32	141,559

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	No
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	No
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? 	35a	Yes
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	No
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions  37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	38a	No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911  , section 4912  , section 4955 		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.	40b	
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958  0		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization  0		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	40e	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed 		
42a	The books are in care of  MARY TAYLOR Telephone no  (406) 443-3124 PO BOX 838 Located at  HELENA, MT ZIP + 4  59624		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country  See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .	42b	No
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 	42c	No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here   and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year  43		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44	No
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	45	No

complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.






46	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	Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		
48	Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "yes," complete Schedule E		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		
b	If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?		
50	Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there are none, enter "None."		

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 				

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there are none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Total number of other independent contractors receiving over \$100,000		

Please Sign Here	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.	
	*****	2010-11-11
	Signature of officer	Date
	Al Smith Executive Director Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature  Donald W Laine	Date	Check if self-employed 	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst X)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4  Anderson ZurMuehlen & Co PC PO Box 1040 Helena, MT 59624			EIN 
				Phone no  (406) 442-1040

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE C

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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

To be completed by organizations described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ

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If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities)

- 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,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities)

- 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,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax)
- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations complete Part III

Name of the organization Montana Trial Lawyers Association	Employer identification number 81-0385019
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Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations. (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

- 1

Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2

Political expenditures

\$
- 3

Volunteer hours

Part I-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

- 1

Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955

\$
- 2

Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955

\$
- 3

If the organization incurred in 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 To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

- 1

Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities

\$
- 2

Enter the amount of the filing organization's internal funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt funtion activities

\$
- 3

Total of direct and indirect exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2 and enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b

\$
- 4

Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?

☐ Yes

☐ No
- 5

State the names, addresses and Employer Identification Number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. Enter the amount paid and indicate if the amount was paid from the filing organization's own internal funds or were political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

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

Part II-A

To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

A

Check

☐

if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group

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
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures		
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns— If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: Not over \$500,000 Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 Over \$17,000,000 The lobbying nontaxable amount is: 20% of the amount on line 1e \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 \$1,000,000		
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a Enter -0- if line g is more than line a		
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c Enter -0- if line f is more than line c		
j	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 instructions for lines 1a through 1f of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots non-taxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means?			
i	Other activities If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j	Total 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

To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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

Part III-B

To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1 \$	145,906
2	Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures <i>(do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).</i>		
a	Current Year	2a \$	39,443
b	Carryover from last year	2b \$	-168,909
c	Total	2c \$	-129,466
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3 \$	44,084
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?	4 \$	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 2c total minus 3 and 4)	5 \$	-173,550

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

Supplemental Information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Form **4562**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

OMB No 1545-0172
2008
Attachment
Sequence No **67**

Name(s) shown on return Montana Trial Lawyers Association	Business or activity to which this form relates Form 990-EZ Page 1	Identifying number 81-0385019
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
6		
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 .▶	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	1,542

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	330
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ▶		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System						
(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System						
20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instr	22	1,872
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V

Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation/ deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%			S/L -			
		%			S/L -			
		%			S/L -			
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29	

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person
If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who **are not** more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) A mortization period or percentage	(f) A mortization for this year
42 A mortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year (see instructions)					
43 A mortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year				43	
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report				44	

TY 2008 Other Assets Schedule

Name: Montana Trial Lawyers Association

EIN: 81-0385019

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Other Depreciable Assets	7,889	7,578

TY 2008 Other Changes in Net Assets Schedule

Name: Montana Trial Lawyers Association

EIN: 81-0385019

Description	Amount
Unrealized Gain on Investments	3,921

TY 2008 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: Montana Trial Lawyers Association

EIN: 81-0385019

Description	Amount
Dues and Subscriptions	1,630
Consumer Protection Fund	46,472
Conferences and Conventions	79,338
Supplies	1,273
Student Chapters and Grants	112
Miscellaneous	1,518

**TY 2008 Transfers Personal Benefits
Contracts Declaration**

Name: Montana Trial Lawyers Association

EIN: 81-0385019

Declaration: The organization did not, during the year, receive any funds, directly,or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract.The organization, did not, during the year, pay any premiums, directly,or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract.

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 81-0385019

Name: Montana Trial Lawyers Association

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
AL SMITH PO BOX 838 HELENA, MT 59624	executive director 40 00	89,870	15,986	0
Bobby Anner-Hughes PO Box 1156 Billings, MT 591031156	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Elizabeth Best PO Box 2114 Great Falls, MT 59403	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Daniel Bidegaray 676 Ferguson Ave Suite 1 Bozeman, MT 59718	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Alexander Blewett III PO Box 2807 Great Falls, MT 59403	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Daniel Buckley 2040 North 22nd Street Suite 2 Billings, MN 59718	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Jamie Carey 2601 East Broadway HELENA, MT 59601	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Michael Cok PO Box 1105 Bozeman, MT 597711105	Director 1 00	0	0	0
E Craig Daue PO Box 8209 Missoula, MT 59807	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Amy Poehling Eddy 1230 Whitefish Stage Road Kalispell, MT 59901	Secretary/Treasurer 1 00	0	0	0
Michael George PO Box 3505 Great Falls, MT 59403	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Heather M Latino PO Box 8131 Missoula, MT 598028131	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Michael J McKeon PO Box 3329 Butte, MT 59702	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Syd McKenna 815 E Front St 4A Missoula, MT 598077009	President 1 00	0	0	0
James Molloy PO Box 1182 HELENA, MT 59624	President-Elect 1 00	0	0	0
Michael Sand 25 Apex Drive Suite A Bozeman, MT 59718	Director 1 00	0	0	0
J David Slovak PO Box 2325 Great Falls, MT 59403	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Roger Sullivan Jr 745 South Main Kalispell, MT 59901	Vice-President 1 00	0	0	0
Larry Anderson PO Box 2608 Great Falls, MT 59403	Past President/Ex Officio 1 00	0	0	0
Karl Englund PO Box 8358 Missoula, MT 598078358	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Michael Iamb 2601 East Broadway HELENA, MT 59601	Director 1 00	0	0	0
James Manley 201 4th Ave E Polson, MT 59860	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Mike Meloy PO Box 1241 HELENA, MT 59624	Director 1 00	0	0	0
Wade Dahood 113 East Third Street Anaconda, MT 59711	Director Emeritus 1 00	0	0	0
William Rossbach PO Box 8988 Missoula, MT 59807	AAJ Representative 1 00	0	0	0
Joe R Bottomly 1230 Whitefish Stage Road Kalispell, MT 59901	AAJ Representative 1 00	0	0	0
Kurt Jackson PO Box 2807 Great Falls, MT 59403	AAJ Representative 1 00	0	0	0