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Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009 and ending 12-31-2009

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

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

C Name of organization
ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY INC

Doing Business As

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

525 JEFFERSON No 300

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
TOLEDO, OH 43604

D Employer identification number

23-7376131

E Telephone number

(419) 255-0814

G Gross receipts \$ 11,028,803

F Name and address of principal officer
joseph r tafelski
525 JEFFERSON No 300
TOLEDO, OH 43604

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ WWW.ABLELAW.ORG

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1969

M State of legal domicile OH

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities SEE BELOWADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY, INC (ABLE) IS A NON-PROFIT LAW FIRM THAT PROVIDES HIGH QUALITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CIVIL MATTERS TO HELP ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS to ACHIEVE SELF-RELIANCE, AND EQUAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY		
	2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	33
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	33
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	118
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	306
Revenue	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	9,434,062	9,022,856
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	2,279,250	1,987,666
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	60,499	1,930
Expenses	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	17,581	16,351
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	11,791,392	11,028,803
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	4,739,299	3,543,858
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		0
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	5,076,866	4,639,392
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶352,566		34,250
Net Assets or Fund Balances	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)		
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,598,933	1,581,542
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	11,415,098	9,799,042
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	376,294	1,229,761
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	7,563,346	10,956,638
Sign Here	23	Total net assets or fund balances	3,039,487	5,204,169
	24	Net assets or fund balances per books	4,523,859	5,752,469
	25	Net assets or fund balances per books		
	26	Net assets or fund balances per books		
	27	Net assets or fund balances per books		
	28	Net assets or fund balances per books		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	29	Preparer's signature ▶ HEIDI FERGUSON	Date 2010-11-12	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	30	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ GILMORE JASION & MAHLER LTD 1715 INDIAN WOOD CIRCLE STE 100 MAUMEE, OH 43537	Check if self-employed ☐	EIN ▶
	31	Preparer's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶	Phone no ▶ (419) 794-2000	
	32	Preparer's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶		
	33	Preparer's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶		
	34	Preparer's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc (ABLE) is a non-profit regional law firm that provides high quality legal assistance in civil matters to help eligible low-income individuals and groups in western ohio achieve self-reliance, and equal justice and economic opportunity

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes

☒

No

If “Yes,” describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes

☒

No

If “Yes,” describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization’s three largest program services by expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ 8,669,827 including grants of \$ 3,543,858) (Revenue \$ 1,989,941)

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc (ABLE) is a non-profit law firm that provides high quality legal assistance in civil matters to help eligible low-income individuals and groups to achieve self-reliance, and equal justice and economic opportunity ABLE is the law firm for low-income individuals and groups - those who have nowhere else to turn for legal assistance Our mission is to help our clients, using our skills as lawyers and advocates, to achieve self-reliance, equal justice and economic opportunity, in essence, to help them build a better life for themselves and their families When we accomplish our mission we literally help people pull themselves out of poverty and achieve independence We exist because low-income individuals need lawyers Lawyers can provide vital assistance to low-income persons as they encounter and seek to overcome serious, sometimes life threatening, challenges and obstacles ABLE represents clients in several areas of law, including housing, issues surrounding public housing, eviction, foreclosure, predatory lending, and housing conditions, access to government benefits, debt collection defense, consumer fraud issues, education, immigration, and the legal problems that migrant farm workers, the homeless, and senior citizen clients face Each year ABLE's experienced staff of attorneys, paralegals, and support personnel provide high quality legal assistance to thousands of low-income individuals and groups throughout 32 counties in northwest and west central Ohio and statewide for migrant farm workers We have offices located in Dayton and Toledo We meet the legal needs of our clients working in conjunction with our partner law firm, Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc (LAWO) In 2009, LAWO and ABLE received 29,805 requests for help The services we provided benefited children, seniors, persons with disabilities, survivors of domestic violence, persons without health insurance, families facing eviction and foreclosure, homeless children and families, children struggling to secure a decent education, persons who have mental health issues, migrant farm workers, and nursing home residents, among others Our attorneys and other advocates work in areas that private attorneys usually do not, including representation of tenants, low-income homeowners, and persons seeking government assistance What we do is critical to all members of the community We provide powerful solutions to critical societal issues Through our efforts, millions of dollars are returned to the community or saved for our clients We conserve valuable community resources by addressing issues before they become a crisis and work with other non-profit social service providers to provide a holistic safety net for low-income individuals and groups Together LAWO and ABLE constitute the largest provider of free, comprehensive civil legal assistance to low-income persons in Ohio Nearly 25% of Ohio's poverty population lives in our 32 county service area Our administrative offices and headquarters are located in Toledo at the Center for Equal Justice

4b

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

4c

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

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

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

4e

Total program service expenses

\$ 8,669,827

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A.</i> 	1	Yes
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 	2	Yes
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.</i> 	3	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i> 	4	Yes
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>	5	
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.</i> 	6	No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.</i> 	7	No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i> 	8	No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV.</i> 	9	Yes
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i> 	10	Yes
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.</i> 	11	Yes
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>		
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>		
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>		
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>		
	◆ Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
	◆ Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i> 	12	No
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? 	Yes	No
	<i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i>	12A	Yes
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>	13	No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i>	14b	No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II.</i>	15	No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III.</i>	16	No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i> 	17	Yes
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i> 	18	No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i> 	19	No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>	20	No

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a28		
	b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a118		
	b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		3a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O			3b	
4a	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)?		4a	No
	b 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			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .		5a	No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b	No
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?			5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		6a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c	No
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year			7d	
e Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .			7f	
g For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g	
h For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?			7h	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			8	No
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a	No
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b	No
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter				
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter				
a Gross income from members or shareholders			11a	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year			12b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	1a	33	
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b	33	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a		No
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

Section B. Policies

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶OH
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. ☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ▶ PAUL SAGGESE 525 jefferson suite 300 toledo, OH 43604 (419) 255-0814

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

• 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

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current or former officer, director, trustee or key employee

[illegible]

1b	Total	310,136	0	30,806
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization1

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

1	Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization		
	(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
	willson builders 5966 heritage court toledo, OH 43612	construction contractors	2,365,510
2	Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization 1		

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c	750				
	d	Related organizations	1d	191,197				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,643,315				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	7,187,594				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		9,022,856				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	Contracted Services	541,900	1,985,666	1,985,666			
	b	Attorney Fees Received	541,100	2,000	2,000			
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		1,987,666				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		1,930			1,930	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .						
	5	Royalties						
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses						
	c	Gain or (loss)						
	d	Net gain or (loss)						
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ 750 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	0				
	b	Less direct expenses	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .		0				
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a						
b	Less direct expenses	b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . .							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
b	Less cost of goods sold	b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue		16,351	2,275			14,076	
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		16,351					
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		11,028,803	1,989,941	0		16,006	

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21	3,543,858	3,543,858		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	340,942	285,934	44,097	10,911
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	3,524,946	2,972,494	440,145	112,307
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	466,022	369,179	81,261	15,582
10	Payroll taxes	307,482	243,584	53,617	10,281
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	13,761		13,761	
c	Accounting	33,001		33,001	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17	34,250			34,250
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	480,693	347,770	29,244	103,679
12	Advertising and promotion	3,881	3,500	381	
13	Office expenses	237,102	208,267	23,996	4,839
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	185,479	163,764	21,610	105
17	Travel	69,769	67,815	1,131	823
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	6,524	6,341	106	77
20	Interest	52,455	52,455		
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	166,136	163,775	2,361	
23	Insurance	20,167	17,338	2,634	195
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	Miscellaneous	131,369	67,490	14,305	49,574
b	COMMUNITY EDU	96,054	81,474	4,863	9,717
c	reCRUITMENT	34,559	27,174	7,385	
d	SUBSCRIPTIONS/DUES	25,374	23,307	1,841	226
e	Training	25,218	24,308	910	
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	9,799,042	8,669,827	776,649	352,566
26	Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)	
					Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing				134,265	1	150,178
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				743,704	2	560,784
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				2,444,318	3	2,541,248
	4	Accounts receivable, net				28,945	4	30,776
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L					5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L					6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net					7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use					8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				2,840	9	35,975
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	7,173,432				
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	567,125	3,355,851	10c	6,606,307	
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			279,088	11	27,241	
	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			574,335	15	1,004,129	
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			7,563,346	16	10,956,638	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			2,798,198	17	542,333	
	18	Grants payable				18		
	19	Deferred revenue			118,226	19	71,717	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D			123,063	21	120,119	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L				22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties				23	2,720,000	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24		
	25	Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D			0	25	1,750,000	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			3,039,487	26	5,204,169	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.							
	27	Unrestricted net assets			2,817,041	27	5,089,037	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			1,706,818	28	663,432	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.							
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30		
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31		
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32		
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			4,523,859	33	5,752,469	
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			7,563,346	34	10,956,638	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

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

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY INC

Employer identification number

23-7376131

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 11, check only one box)

- 1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 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 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)
- 10

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See**section 509(a)(4).**
- 11

☐

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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

a

☐

Type I

b

☐

Type II

c

☐

Type III - Functionally integrated

d

☐

Type III - Other

e

☐

By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f

☐

If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g

☐

Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i)

a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii)

a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii)

a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h

☐

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	5,064,452	11,579,305	11,490,711	9,434,062	9,022,856	46,591,386
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	5,064,452	11,579,305	11,490,711	9,434,062	9,022,856	46,591,386
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						46,591,386

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	5,064,452	66,832	11,490,711	9,434,062	9,022,856	46,591,386
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	29,092	66,832	69,331	60,499	1,930	227,684
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	11,505	9,779	117,362	12,300	16,351	167,297
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						46,986,367
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	10,740,527

13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	99 160 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	99 050 %

- 16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. 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—2008. If the organization did not check the 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—2009. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- ☒
- b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- ☒
- 18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions
- ☒

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
bAmounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
cAdd lines 7a and 7b						
8Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9Amounts from line 6						
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
cAdd lines 10a and 10b						
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)						
14First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b33 1/3% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
20Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

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

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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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), 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,” to 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,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, line 35a (regarding proxy tax), then

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

Name of the organization
ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY INC

Employer identification number

23-7376131

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
- 2

Political expenditures

▶ \$
- 3

Volunteer hours

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

▶ \$
- 2

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

▶ \$
- 3

If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

☐ Yes

☐ No
- 4a

Was a correction made?

☐ Yes

☐ No
- b

If "Yes," describe in Part IV

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

- 1

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

▶ \$
- 2

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

▶ \$
- 3

Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b

▶ \$
- 4

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

☐ Yes

☐ No
- 5

State the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

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

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

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															
<table><tr><td>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td><td>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td></tr><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></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		
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														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)															
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-															
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?		☐ Yes	☐ 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 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(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 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B

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

		(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?		No	
	b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	Yes		
	c Media advertisements?		No	
	d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No	
	e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		No	
	f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No	
	g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	Yes		
	h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		No	
	i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV		No	
j Total lines 1c through 1i				13,481
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No	
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).

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

Part III-B

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

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
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 (see instructions)	5	

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

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY INC

Employer identification number

23-7376131

Part I

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

Part II

Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)

☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	Total number of conservation easements
2b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
2c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
2d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ _____

4

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

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization’s financial statements that describes the organization’s accounting for conservation easements

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

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Part III

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

3

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

a

☐

Public exhibition

b

☐

Scholarly research

c

☐

Preservation for future generations

d

☐

Loan or exchange programs

e

☐

Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

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" to 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 XIV and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☒

Yes

☐

No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance	45,874	54,938			
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses	5,585	-8,392			
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	800	672			
g End of year balance	50,659	45,874			

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 100 000 % %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ %

c

Term endowment ▶ %

3a

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

(i) unrelated organizations

3a(i)

No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

No

b

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

3b

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		163,526		163,526
b Buildings		6,003,016	78,835	5,924,181
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		1,006,890	488,290	518,600
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				6,606,307

Schedule D (Form 990) 2009

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements		
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	11,028,803
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	9,799,042
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	1,229,761
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	-1,151
5	Donated services and use of facilities	
6	Investment expenses	
7	Prior period adjustments	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	-1,151
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	1,228,610

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return		
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	11,027,652
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12	
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a -1,151
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e -1,151
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3 11,028,803
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1	
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c 0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5 11,028,803

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return		
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	9,799,042
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a
b	Prior year adjustments	2b
c	Other losses	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e 0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3 9,799,042
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:	
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c 0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5 9,799,042

Part XIV Supplemental Information		
Complete this part to 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, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.		
Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part IV, Line 2b		advocates for basic legal equality, inc maintains escrow accounts on behalf of clients
Part V, Line 4	Description of Intended Use of Endowment Funds	advocates for basic legal equality, inc maintains endowment funds to use in support of its exempt purpose
Part X	Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	Management of the organization is required to determine whether a tax position of the organization is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. Management of the organization is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months. However, management's conclusions may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, new tax laws, regulations, and administrative interpretations (including relevant court decisions). The organization's federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain subject to examination by the internal revenue service.

SCHEDULE G

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding

Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

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Name of the organization ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY INC	Employer identification number 23-7376131
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Part I Fundraising Activities.

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

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a ☒ Mail solicitations

b ☒ Internet and e-mail solicitations

c ☒ Phone solicitations

d ☒ In-person solicitations

e ☒ Solicitation of non-government grants

f ☒ Solicitation of government grants

g ☒ Special fundraising events
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising activities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
strategic partners	fundraising consultant		No	1,849,778	34,250	1,815,528
Total ▶				1,849,778	34,250	1,815,528

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

OH

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts			
	2	Less Charitable contributions			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)			
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Non-cash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages			
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses			
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶			
	11	Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10. ▶			

Part III Gaming.

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
					(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1	Gross revenue			
	2	Cash prizes			
Direct Expenses	3	Non-cash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶					
8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column d, and line 7 ▶					

			Yes	No
9	Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____			
a	Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a		
b	If "No," Explain _____			
10a	Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a		
b	If "Yes," Explain _____			
11	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11		
12	Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12		

		Yes	No
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in		
a	The organization's facility 13a		
b	An outside facility 13b		
14	Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records		
Name ► _____			
Address ► _____			
15a	Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	15a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____		
c	If "Yes," enter name and address		
Name ► _____			
Address ► _____			
16	Gaming manager information		
Name ► _____			
Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____			
Description of services provided ► _____			
☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor			
17	Mandatory distributions		
a	Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?	17a	
b	Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____		

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," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990

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ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY INC

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23-7376131

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 Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed ☐

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
LEGAL AID OF WESTERN OHIO INC525 jefferson ste 400 TOLEDO,OH 436041373	341485732	501(c)(3)	3,543,858				support

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

1

3

Enter total number of other organizations

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY INC

Employer identification number

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		The organization's governing body reviewed and approved the form 990 before filing
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		advocates for basic legal equality, inc regularly and consistently monitors and enforces compliance with its conflict of interest policy
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		The Human Resources Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee jointly reviewed the compensation of the executive director and other staff during 2009. The committees then made a recommendation to the board of trustees, which made a final decision. Most salaries for staff are based on salary schedules. These schedules are periodically reviewed and updated. In preparing the schedules several factors are taken into account, including compensation paid for comparable positions in other organizations or public entities. The executive director's compensation, while not based on a schedule, is determined in a similar way. Compensation is based on several factors, including performance and compensation paid for comparable positions in other similar organizations or public entities. The human resources committee and the finance and audit committee jointly reviewed the matter. The committees made a recommendation to the board, which made a final decision. No salary increases were provided in 2009 and the organization made no matching contributions to the retirement plan in 2009.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		The organization's governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements are available upon request.
Form 990, Part XI, Line 2c		The audit committee directed management to solicit requests for proposals for audit services. The responses received were evaluated by the Finance and Audit Committee along with management. The Finance and Audit Committee recommended to the full board the selection of the auditor, which was approved by the full board. Management then executed an engagement letter for audit services. Management worked with the auditors to achieve a preliminary audit report, which was presented by the auditors to the Finance and Audit Committee. The Finance and Audit Committee reviewed the preliminary report with the audit firm, then recommended acceptance of the audit report. The full board then reviewed and accepted the audit report.

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 allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?	
							Yes	No		Yes	No

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
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Part V

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

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III or IV

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 (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b

Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)

c

Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)

d

Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)

e

Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)

f

Sale of assets to other organization(s)

g

Purchase of assets from other organization(s)

h

Exchange of assets

i

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

j

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

k

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)

l

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)

m

Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets

n

Sharing of paid employees

o

Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses

p

Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses

q

Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)

r

Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

1a

No

1b

Yes

1c

Yes

1d

No

1e

No

1f

No

1g

No

1h

No

1i

No

1j

No

1k

No

1l

No

1m

Yes

1n

No

1o

No

1p

Yes

1q

No

1r

No

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 other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved
(1)	Legal aid foundation of western ohio inc	C	125,000
(1)	See Additional Data Table		
(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) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(e) Share of end-of-year assets	(f) Disproportionate allocations?		(g) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(h) General or managing partner?	
			Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No

Additional Data

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Software Version:

EIN: 23-7376131

Name: ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY INC

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
WILLIAM J BINGLE trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
JAMES STAHLER Emeritus Trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
DAVID J COYLE vice President	1 50	X		X				0	0	0
JOHN F HALL Trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
LAURIE J PANGLE President	1 50	X		X				0	0	0
joyce clarke Trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
REBECCA WEST-ESTELL Trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
JAMES KNEPP II Trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
james l murray vice President	1 50	X		X				0	0	0
ORETTA SMITH Trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
LEOLA HAYNES Trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
hon mary wiseman secretary	1 50	X		X				0	0	0
khadija ali trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
mary anne burns Trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
DAVID WARD Emeritus Trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
J DAVID RUFFNER II Treasurer	1 50	X		X				0	0	0
JUSTICE G JOHNSON JR Trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
JOHN KOSTYO TRUStee	1 50	X						0	0	0
PATRICIA ROUSSEAU TRUStee	1 50	X						0	0	0
jacqueline v gaines TRUStee	1 50	X						0	0	0
PAT MCGLOTHLIN TRUStee	1 50	X						0	0	0
esteban callejas TRUStee	1 50	X						0	0	0
AMIE DEANN PELFREY TRUStee	1 50	X						0	0	0
DAVID S PETERSON TRUStee	1 50	X						0	0	0
KATHRYN WATSON TRUStee	1 50	X						0	0	0

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
diane welborn trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
michelle dewey trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
bruce c french trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
margaret ann garner trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
Carlos Guajardo trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
susan colle trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
j michael vassar trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
Anna M Walker trustee	1 50	X						0	0	0
JOSEPH R TAFELSKI Executive Director	48 00			X				122,800	0	10,536
PAUL SAGGESE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	48 00			X				75,391	0	8,910
eric stockard chief development office	48 00			X				28,146	0	189
aneel chablani deputy director of advoc	48 00			X				83,799	0	11,171

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Miscellaneous	131,369	67,490	14,305	49,574
COMMUNITY EDU	96,054	81,474	4,863	9,717
reCRUITMENT	34,559	27,174	7,385	
SUBSCRIPTIONS/DUES	25,374	23,307	1,841	226
Training	25,218	24,308	910	