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Form **990-EZ****Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 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.

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning

, 2009, and ending

, 20

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

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tions.**C** Name of organization

Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association

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

P O Box 5605

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

Brandon, MS 39047-5605

D Employer identification number

64-0665578

E Telephone number

601-992-8645

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.msdefenselaw.org**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (6) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**H** Check ☒ if the organization is not
required to attach Schedule B (Form 990,
990-EZ, or 990-PF).**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
Form 990-EZ or Form 990 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 \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 103,011.59**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	87,800.00
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	15,070.00
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	141.59
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	6	
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
Expenses	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	7c	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	103,011.59
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	20,000.00
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
Net Assets	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	36,499.26
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	35,201.51
	16	Other expenses (describe ► travel, meetings, supplies, website, internet, telephone)	16	22,135.60
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	113,836.37
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(10,824.78)
Net Assets	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	49,572.51
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	38,747.73

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 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	49,572.51	22 38,747.73
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe ►)		24
25 Total assets	49,572.51	25 38,747.73
26 Total liabilities (describe ►)	0.00	26 0.00
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	49,572.51	27 38,747.73

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)		Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <u>To improve the admin of justice in the legal system</u>		
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, and other relevant information for each program title.		
28	<u>Trial Practice Academy, held at the Harrison County Courthouse, Feb. 27-28, 2009, with over 70 participants including 23 attorneys trying a civil case, 12 coaches, 6 judges, 6 speakers and approximately 55 students serving as witnesses and jurors.</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29	<u>Joint Seminar of MDLA and MS Claims Association held October 22, 2009, classroom style seminar with 94 participants</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
30	<u>Distribution of the MDLA Quarterly publication, serving 636 members and 166 judiciary</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31	<u>Other program services (attach schedule)</u> (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>	32

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
W. Wright Hill, Jr. P O Box 1163, Jackson, MS 39215-1163	President; 4 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Goodloe T. Lewis P O Drawer 668, Oxford, MS 38655-0668	President-elect; 2 hrs/wk	0	0	0
F. Ewin Henson, III P O Drawer 8230, Greenwood, MS 38935-8230	Sec-Treas; 2 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Wilton V. Byars, III P O Box 1396, Oxford, MS 38655-1396	Vice Pres; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Sherrle L. Moore P O Drawer 4108, Gulfport, MS 39502-4180	Vice Pres; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Mark H. Tyson P O Drawer 22949, Jackson, MS 39225-2949	Vice Pres; .5 hrs /wk	0	0	0
William G. Armistead P O Box 7120, Tupelo, MS 38802-7120	Director; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Robert S. Addison P O Box 1084, Jackson, MS 39215-1084	Director; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Thomas L. Carpenter, Jr. 14231 Seaway Rd., Ste 2001, Gulfport, MS 39503	Director; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Michael W. Baxter P O Box 6020, Ridgeland, MS 39158-6020	Director; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
John D. Brady P O Box 1366, Columbus, MS 39703-1366	Director; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
J. Scott Corlew P O Drawer 1529, Pascagoula, MS 39568-1529	Director; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Margaret S. Gratz P O Box 7120, Tupelo, MS 38802-7120	Director; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Jeffrey G. Pierce P O Box 22949, Jackson, MS 39225-2949	Director; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
A. Kelly Sessoms P O Box 30, Pascagoula, MS 39568-0030	Director; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
James R. Moore, Jr. P O Box 6020, Ridgeland, MS 39158-6020	Imm. Past Pres; .5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Jane L. Brown 414 Millrun Road, Brandon, MS 39047-8014	Exec Dir; 35 hrs/wk	36,000.00	0	499.26

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	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		✓
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		✓
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 why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		✓
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
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 outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 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 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.		✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>Jane L. Brown</u> Telephone no. ▶ <u>601-992-8645</u> Located at ▶ <u>414 Millrun Road, Brandon, MS</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>39047-9014</u>		
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)?	Yes	No
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 .		
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: ▶		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> 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	Yes	No
44		✓
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	Yes	No
45		✓

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

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

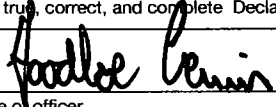

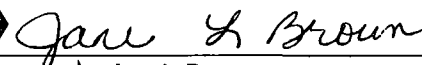
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

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

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

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.			
	 Signature of officer		Date 5/6/10	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Goodloe T. Lewis, President Type or print name and title		Preparer's identifying number (See instructions) 	
	Preparer's signature  Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4		Date 5/10/10	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Jane L. Brown 414 Millrun Road, Brandon, MS 39047-9014		EIN ▶	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions) 601-992-8645
	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Part I. Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

Line 1 Contributions, gifts, grants and similar amounts received:

Membership Dues	\$85,025.00
Initiation Fees	525.00
Meeting Sponsorships	<u>2,250.00</u>
Total	\$87,800.00

Line 10 Grants and similar amounts paid:

University of MS Foundation (Scholarships)	\$2,000.00
University of MS Foundation (Professor Endowment)	4,000.00
University of MS Foundation (Lifetime Achievement Award)	500.00
P. O. Box 249	
University, MS 38677	
Mississippi College School of Law (Scholarship)	2,000.00
Mississippi College School of Law (Professorship Endowment)	10,500.00
Mississippi College School of Law (Lifetime Achievement Award)	500.00
151 East Griffith Street	
Jackson, MS 39201	
National Foundation for Judicial Excellence	500.00
55 West Monroe St., Suite 2000	
Chicago, IL 60603	
Total	<u>\$20,000.00</u>