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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

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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		July 1	, 2009, and ending		June 30	, 20	10
B Check if applicable	C Name of organization					D Employer identification number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Center for Public Justice					51-0153566	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite		E Telephone number			
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	2444 Solomons Island Road	201		410-571-6300			
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4					F Group Exemption Number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	Annapolis, MD 21401-3723						
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending							

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.cjustice.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c) (3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

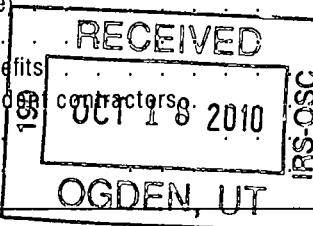
H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

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 **\$ 270,478**

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	234,581
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	35,155
3 Membership dues and assessments	3	742	
4 Investment income	4	0	
5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0	
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0	
c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0	
6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
a Gross revenue (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	0	
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0	
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	0	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0	
b Less cost of goods sold	7b	0	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8 Other revenue (describe)	8	0	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	270,478	
10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	0	
11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	0	
12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	259,804	
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	6,000	
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	22,942	
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	6,878	
16 Other expenses (describe See schedule.)	16	68,849	
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	364,473	
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(93,995)	
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	151,445	
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	0	
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	57,450	



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		146,554	22 49,360
23 Land and buildings		0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe Prepaid Expenses, Furniture & Equipment)		12,604	24 12,874
25 Total assets		159,158	25 62,234
26 Total liabilities (describe Accounts Payable, Capital Lease)		7,713	26 4,784
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)		151,445	27 57,450

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **Policy Research and Civic Education**

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.

Expenses
(Required for section
501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4)
organizations and section
4947(a)(1) trusts, optional
for others)

28	Planning took place for three Civitas Experiences to be held in Washington, DC during July 2010. These experiences included the Civitas School, the Civitas Institute on Institutional Religious Freedom and Civitas 2010.		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	28a 43,641
29	Provision of speakers for conferences, seminars, campus lectures and various other public forums as well as writing articles for magazines and journals, and consulting with other groups.		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	29a 35,257
30	Research and writing by the Senior Fellow for a future book publication.		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	30a 25,810
31	Other program services (attach schedule)		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	31a 125,719
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32 230,427

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV)

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	33	X			
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	X			
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?	35a	X			
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b				
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	36	X			
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	0			
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X			
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?	38a	X			
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	0	; section 4912	0	; section 4955	0
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					X
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				0	
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization				0	
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T					X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	<u>Illinois, Maryland</u>				
42a The organization's books are in care of	<u>Doreen Skillen</u>			Telephone no	410-571-6300
Located at	<u>2444 Solomons Island Road #201, Annapolis, MD</u>			ZIP + 4	21401-3723
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)?	42b	X			
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.?	42c	X			
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 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	43	<input type="checkbox"/>			
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	X			
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	X			

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	X
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		47	X
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		48	X
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		49a	X
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
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 0

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
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 0

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here

Stephanie A. Summers
Signature of officer

19/27/2010
Date

Stephanie A. Summers, Chief Financial Officer

Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4			EIN Phone no

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Yes No

Form 990-EZ (2009)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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Name of the organization

Center for Public Justice

Employer identification number

51 | 0153566

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.)

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)
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.")	321,757	289,018	409,578	282,084	234,581	1,537,018
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	321,757	289,018	409,578	282,084	234,581	1,537,018
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)						147,517
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						1,389,501

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	321,757	289,018	409,578	282,084	234,581	1,537,018
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	626	794	2,837	2,133	742	7,132
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	0	0	0	319	0	319
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						1,544,469
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	378,545
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	90 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	87 %
16a 33½% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33½% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33½% support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33½% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

Section B. Total Support

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%
19a 33 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

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Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses

Banking Fees	1,113
Board Meetings	8,811
Books/Dues/Subscriptions	1,610
Civitas Seminars	237
Conference & Meetings	4,535
Depreciation	2,492
Equipment	5,175
Loss on Equipment Disposal	860
Interest & Investment Fees	297
Kuyper Lecture	3,633
Miscellaneous Taxes & Insurances	2,404
Office Supplies & Expenses	4,580
Project Expenses	8,125
Promotion	3,966
Travel	<u>21,011</u>
Total	68,849

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Part III, Line 31a, Other program services

- (1) Bi-weekly publication (July 2009 through April 2010) and then weekly publication (May 2010 through June 2010 of the *Capital Commentary* which is mailed or e-mailed to approximately 2,152 people. 24,486
- (2) The Center for Public Justice provides educational material to young adults regarding faith and vocation in cooperation with Cardus, a Canadian think thank, through editorial work on the print and online journal *Comment*. 22,780
- (3) The Center's fifteenth annual Kuyper Lecture was held in Washington DC on October 22, 2009. Dr. Clarke Cochran gave the lecture entitled "Seeking Justice: The Imperiled Promise of Health Reform. Planning for the sixteenth annual Kuyper Lecture to be held in July 2010 also took place. 16,228
- (4) Serving constituents both when they come to Washington and when they write or call for information and advice. 16,180
- (5) *Conversations of Graceful Citizenship* were convened in private homes or establishments in Washington, DC, San Francisco, Grand Rapids, Boston, and Philadelphia. 10,511
- (6) A celebration event was held in Washington DC on October 23, 2010 honoring the outgoing President of the Center for Public Justice and introducing the new Chief Executive Officer. 8,999
- (7) The Faith-Based Project's work comprised research and technical education efforts concerning government partnerships with faith-based organizations, with the audience including government officials, faith-based leaders, think tanks, and academics. 7,115
- (8) The Center seeks to educate people about the importance of bringing Christian perspective to bear on various issues by distributing books and other printed material and by providing information on our website at www.cpjustice.org. 7,057
- (9) The Center partnered with the Clapham Group as part of the Great Objects Gathering, planning a project on Domestic Poverty Reduction. 3,322
- (10) The Wisdom Project continues to be conducted by Charles Strohmer, a non-resident visiting fellow. This project is to result in a book that delves into the biblical wisdom tradition for the illumination of international relations today. 2,475
- (11) The Center partnered with Nyack College to produce a fall 2010 lecture series on immigration. 2,310

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(12) Two issues of the Root & Branch were produced this fiscal year exploring different dimensions of the ongoing “religion and society debate.” 2,265

(13) The periodic *Citizen E-link* newsletter was sent to approximately 1,826 people to help educate people about political life. 1,991

Total for Part III, Line 31a 125,719