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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  
**2011**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011**

- B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
 Equal Justice Center

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
 510 South Congress Avenue

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
 Austin, TX 78704

**D** Employer identification number  
 74-3003521

**E** Telephone number  
 (512) 474-0007

**G** Gross receipts \$ 472,601

**F** Name and address of principal officer

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

**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 ▶

**J** Website: ▶ www.equaljusticecenter.org

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶

**L** Year of formation: 2001 **M** State of legal domicile: TX

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities The Equal Justice Center's mission is to empower low-income workers, families, and communities so they can achieve fair treatment in the workplace and in the justice system, regardless of their immigration status. Most significant activities consist of legal assistance and advocates for legal and economic fairness for low-income individuals and communities.		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	4
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	4
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	11
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	7
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	389,218	359,964
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	202,077	111,384
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,675	953
	<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	658	300
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	593,628	472,601
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		0
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	361,806	403,154
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 3,452		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		0
	<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	213,622	181,978
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	575,428	585,132	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>		18,200	-112,531
		<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	560,571	448,178
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	15,468	17,831
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	545,103	430,347	

**Part II Signature Block**

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

**Sign Here**

Signature of officer: \*\*\*\*\*  
 Date: 2012-05-17

William Beardall Executive Director  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature: Michael R Grimes  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Hamilton Pyle & Bowman LLP  
 8303 N MOPAC EXPY STE A120  
 AUSTIN, TX 78759

Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions): \_\_\_\_\_  
 EIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone no: (512) 671-7711

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III  Yes  No

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

The Equal Justice Center's mission is to empower low-income workers, families, and communities so they can achieve fair treatment in the workplace and in the justice system, regardless of their immigration status. Most significant activities consist of legal assistance and advocates for legal and economic fairness for low-income individuals and communities

**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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 569,157 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 111,384 )

Operates a civil rights and employment rights program which includes legal aid, community education and empowerment activities, policy advocacy, and administrative advocacy designed to improve low-income communities understanding of their legal rights and of the methods for effectively achieving those rights

**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 \$ 569,157

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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>	Yes	
<b>2</b>	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?		No
<b>3</b>	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>		No
<b>4</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i>		No
<b>5</b>	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>		No
<b>6</b>	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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>		No
<b>7</b>	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>		No
<b>8</b>	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i>		No
<b>9</b>	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>		No
<b>10</b>	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i>		No
<b>11</b>	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
<b>a</b>	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>		No
<b>b</b>	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>		No
<b>c</b>	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>		No
<b>d</b>	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>		No
<b>e</b>	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		No
<b>f</b>	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 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		No
<b>12a</b>	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>		No
<b>b</b>	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i>		No
<b>13</b>	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>		No
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i>		No
<b>15</b>	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 and IV.</i>		No
<b>16</b>	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 and IV.</i>		No
<b>17</b>	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>		No
<b>18</b>	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>		No
<b>19</b>	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>		No
<b>20a</b>	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		No
<b>b</b>	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements.		
<b>20b</b>			

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

<b>21</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>21</b>		No
<b>22</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>22</b>		No
<b>23</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>23</b>		No
<b>24a</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>24a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .	<b>24b</b>		No
<b>c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	<b>24c</b>		No
<b>d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .	<b>24d</b>		No
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> 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> . . . . .	<b>25a</b>		No
<b>b</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> . . . . .	<b>25b</b>		No
<b>26</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>26</b>		No
<b>27</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>27</b>		No
<b>28</b>	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)			
<b>a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28b</b>		No
<b>c</b>	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28c</b>		No
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<b>29</b>		No
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	<b>30</b>		No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>31</b>		No
<b>32</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>32</b>		No
<b>33</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>33</b>		No
<b>34</b>	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> . . . . .	<b>34</b>		No
<b>35a</b>	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>35a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>35b</b>		No
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>36</b>		No
<b>37</b>	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>	<b>37</b>		No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	<b>38</b>	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, sub-questions (1a, 1b, etc.), and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 1a-14a regarding Form 1096, W-2G, Form W-3, and various organizational requirements.

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.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (4); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (4); 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? (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? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (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 (No).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (Yes); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? (Yes); 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (No); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (No); 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? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (Yes); If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, 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? (No); 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? (No).

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed; 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 made 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 made 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: Equal Justice Center, 510 South Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704, (512) 474-0007.





**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		
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . . . . <b>1a</b>						
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . . . . <b>1b</b>						
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . . . . <b>1c</b>						
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . . . . <b>1d</b>						
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions) <b>1e</b>						
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above <b>1f</b>	359,964					
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . <b>▶</b>	359,964					
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	Program Service Revenue						
		Business Code	541100	111,384	111,384			
	<b>b</b>	_____						
	<b>c</b>	_____						
	<b>d</b>	_____						
	<b>e</b>	_____						
	<b>f</b>	All other program service revenue						
<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . <b>▶</b>	111,384						
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) . . . . . <b>▶</b>	953			953		
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . . <b>▶</b>	0					
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . . <b>▶</b>	0					
	<b>6a</b>	Gross rents	(i) Real					
			(ii) Personal					
			<b>b</b>	Less rental expenses				
			<b>c</b>	Rental income or (loss)				
	<b>d</b>	<b>Net rental income or (loss)</b> . . . . . <b>▶</b>	0					
	<b>7a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
			(ii) Other					
			<b>b</b>	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
			<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss)				
	<b>d</b>	<b>Net gain or (loss)</b> . . . . . <b>▶</b>	0					
	<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . <b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b>	Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>	<b>Net income or (loss) from fundraising events</b> . . . . . <b>▶</b>	0						
<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . . <b>a</b>							
<b>b</b>	Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>	<b>Net income or (loss) from gaming activities</b> . . . . . <b>▶</b>	0						
<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . <b>a</b>							
<b>b</b>	Less cost of goods sold . . . . . <b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>	<b>Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory</b> . . . . . <b>▶</b>	0						
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
<b>11a</b>	Other Income	900099	300	300				
<b>b</b>	_____							
<b>c</b>	_____							
<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . <b>▶</b>		300					
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . . <b>▶</b>		472,601	111,684	953			

**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)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>		<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	0			
<b>2</b>	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22	0			
<b>3</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
<b>4</b>	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
<b>5</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	16,500	16,050	353	97
<b>6</b>	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .	0			
<b>7</b>	Other salaries and wages	326,649	317,731	6,991	1,927
<b>8</b>	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	0			
<b>9</b>	Other employee benefits . . . . .	33,838	32,914	724	200
<b>10</b>	Payroll taxes . . . . .	26,167	25,453	560	154
<b>11</b>	Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b>	Management . . . . .	0			
<b>b</b>	Legal . . . . .	22,184	21,578	475	131
<b>c</b>	Accounting . . . . .	4,500	4,377	96	27
<b>d</b>	Lobbying . . . . .	0			
<b>e</b>	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .	0			
<b>f</b>	Investment management fees . . . . .	0			
<b>g</b>	Other . . . . .	47,184	45,896	1,010	278
<b>12</b>	Advertising and promotion . . . . .	0			
<b>13</b>	Office expenses . . . . .	14,482	14,087	310	85
<b>14</b>	Information technology . . . . .	1,236	1,202	27	7
<b>15</b>	Royalties . . . . .	0			
<b>16</b>	Occupancy . . . . .	70,148	68,233	1,501	414
<b>17</b>	Travel . . . . .	1,325	1,289	28	8
<b>18</b>	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .	0			
<b>19</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	0			
<b>20</b>	Interest . . . . .	0			
<b>21</b>	Payments to affiliates . . . . .	0			
<b>22</b>	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	5,561	5,409	119	33
<b>23</b>	Insurance . . . . .	905	880	20	5
<b>24</b>	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O )				
<b>a</b>	Prof Development & Training	1,727	1,680	37	10
<b>b</b>	Outreach & Development	11,668	11,349	250	69
<b>c</b>	Library Books	608	591	13	4
<b>d</b>	Dues & Permits	450	438	9	3
<b>e</b>					
<b>f</b>	All other expenses	0			
<b>25</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f	585,132	569,157	12,523	3,452
<b>26</b>	<b>Joint costs.</b> Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) 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
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	392,082	<b>1</b>	267,693
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		<b>2</b>	0
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	0
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	157,985	<b>4</b>	180,485
	<b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	0
	<b>6</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>6</b>	0
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	0
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	0
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		<b>9</b>	0
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	17,806		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	17,806	7,786	<b>10c</b> 0
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	0
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	0
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	0
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	0
	<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	2,718	<b>15</b>	0
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	560,571	<b>16</b>	448,178	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .		<b>17</b>	17,831
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .	15,468	<b>25</b>	
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	15,468	<b>26</b>	17,831
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	272,128	<b>27</b>	238,209
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	272,975	<b>28</b>	192,138
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	545,103	<b>33</b>	430,347	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	560,571	<b>34</b>	448,178	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	472,601
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	585,132
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-112,531
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	545,103
<b>5</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>5</b>	-2,225
<b>6</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>6</b>	430,347

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

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

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2011**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
Equal Justice Center

Employer identification number

74-3003521

**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
<b>11g(i)</b>		
<b>11g(ii)</b>		
<b>11g(iii)</b>		

(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	
<b>Total</b>									

**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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	83,429	126,816	588,522	591,295	471,348	1,861,410
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	83,429	126,816	588,522	591,295	471,348	1,861,410
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						48,363
<b>6 Public Support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						1,813,047

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	83,429	126,816	588,522	591,295	471,348	1,861,410
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	9,626	13,827	12,384	1,675	953	38,465
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
<b>10</b> Other income (Explain in Part IV ) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	6,770	550	23,718	658	300	31,996
<b>11 Total support</b> (Add lines 7 through 10)						1,931,871
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions )					<b>12</b>	

**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**

<b>14</b> Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	<b>14</b>	93 850 %
<b>15</b> Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	93 260 %

**16a 33 1/3% support test—2011.** 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—2010.** 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—2011.** 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—2010.** 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 III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</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						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public Support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6 )						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)						
<b>14 First Five Years</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2011</b> (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2010</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011.** 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
- b 33 1/3% support tests—2010.** 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
- 20 Private 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. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

<b>Facts And Circumstances Test</b>
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<b>Explanation</b>
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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Form 990, Part 1 Description of Organization Mission	advocates for legal and economic fairness for low income individuals and communities
Form 990, Part VI, Line 19	Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Other Organization Documents Publicly Available	Made available upon request
Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c	Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts	Conflict of interest policy is provided to each board member, discussed at board meetings, and monitored through conflicts checking functions within our electronic management system
Form 990, Part VI, Line 11	Form 990, Part VI, Line 11 Form 990 Review Process	Form 990 is reviewed and discussed at regularly scheduled board meetings