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Form **990-EZ**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2015

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
HUDSON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
583 NEWARK AVENUE
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07306

D Employer identification number
22-2230712

E Telephone number
201-798-4708

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

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

I Website: ▶ **WWW.HCBALAW.COM**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) (6) ◀(insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **199,137.**

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received														2,780.													
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts														102,511.													
	3	Membership dues and assessments														93,835.													
	4	Investment income														11.													
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																											
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																											
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																											
	6	Gaming and fundraising events																											
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)																											
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)																												
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events																												
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)																												
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																												
7b	Less: cost of goods sold																												
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																												
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)																												
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8														199,137.														
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)																											
	11	Benefits paid to or for members																											
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits														139,980.													
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors														11,380.													
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance														7,939.													
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping														4,032.													
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)														52,972.													
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16														216,303.														
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)														-17,166.													
	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)														42,238.													
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)														0.													
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20														25,072.													

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V [X]

- 33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
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
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 tax year covered by this return?
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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
Located at
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).
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 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
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)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

Table with columns Yes and No, containing checkboxes and 'X' marks for various questions 33 through 45b.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 46: Yes [], No [X]

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Sch. C, Part II
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows 47-49b: Yes [], No []

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."

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC), (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. Row 1: N/A

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." N/A

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. All rows empty.

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

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

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: [Signature], Date: 11/8/16. Type or print name and title: LORI CIECULOWICZ, President

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name: ALAN C. MARGULIES, Preparer's signature: [Signature], Date: 11/03/16, Check self-employed: [], PTIN: P00206255, Firm's name: MARGULIES, ENGLEHART & VENEZIALE, LLC, Firm's EIN: 46-1953613, Firm's address: 1065 ROUTE 22 WEST, SUITE 2D BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807, Phone no.: 201-333-0666

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions [X] Yes [] No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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HUDSON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

22-2230712

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4, OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:	AMOUNT:
DIVIDEND INCOME	11.

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 14, OCCUPANCY, RENT, UTILITIES, AND MAINTENANCE:

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES:	AMOUNT:
DEPRECIATION	1,600.
OTHER EXPENSES	6,339.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 14	7,939.

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:	AMOUNT:
AUTOMOBILE EXPENSE	109.
BOOKS/DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	355.
EDUCATION/SEMINARS	2,954.
INSURANCE	16,668.
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	16,762.
PAYROLL SERVICE FEES	252.
PERMITS	200.
CREDIT CARD FEES	2,825.
ADVERTISING	300.
PAYROLL TAXES	12,247.
DONATIONS	300.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16	52,972.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24, OTHER ASSETS:

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DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
DUE FROM HUDSON COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION	45,409.	15,190.
OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS	0.	6,398.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24	45,409.	21,588.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26, OTHER LIABILITIES:

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
DUE TO LEGALITIES	4,222.	4,222.
PAYROLL LIABILITIES	6,965.	7,878.
RETIREMENT PLAN PAYABLE	1,312.	1,481.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 26	12,499.	13,581.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - THE HUDSON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO ADVANCING ITS MEMBERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW, AND FACILITATING ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY. THE HCBA ENCOURAGES QUALITY AND ETHICS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW THROUGH THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MEMBERS.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
ADVANCING MEMBERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW, AND FACILITATING ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY

FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:

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THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,

OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,

OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.