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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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 04-01-2015, and ending 03-31-2016

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

C Name of organization
BUTLER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
HAMILTON, OH 45011

D Employer identification number
31-0939386
E Telephone number
(513) 896-6671
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.BUTLERCOUNTYBAR.ORG

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 **\$ 142,947**

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 ☒									
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received						1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts						2	87,397
	3	Membership dues and assessments						3	55,475
	4	Investment income						4	6
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory				5a			
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				5b			
	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)						5c		
	6	Gaming and fundraising events							
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)				6a			
	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)				6b			
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events				6c			
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)						6d	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances				7a			
	b	Less cost of goods sold				7b			
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)						7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)						8	69	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8						9	142,947	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)						10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members						11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits						12	62,633
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors						13	20,478
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance						14	12,200
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping						15	1,476
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)						16	42,052
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16						17	138,839
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)						18	4,108
	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	89,190
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)						20	-2,659
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20						21	90,639

Part II

Balance Sheets

(see the instructions for Part II)

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

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	114,455	22	111,769
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	3,846
25 Total assets	114,455	25	115,615
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	25,265	26	24,976
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	89,190	27	90,639

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

(see the instructions for Part III)

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
THE PURPOSE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION IS TO PRESERVE THE DIGNITY AND HIGH STANDING OF THE PROFESSION, TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH IDEALS AND STANDARDS AND TO ENFORCE ETHICS, TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF LAW, TO AID THE COURTS IN THE PROPER DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES, TO PROMOTE THE HARMONIOUS AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE LIAISON WITH THE OHIO STATE AND NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

THE PURPOSE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION IS TO PRESERVE THE THE DIGNITY AND HIGH STANDING

28 OF THE PROFESSION, TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH IDEALS AND STANDARDS AND TO ENFORCE ETHICS (Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

32

Expenses

(Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

136,669

136,669

Part IV

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c)Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
DAMON HALVERSON PRESIDENT	1 00	0		
JOHN REISTER IMMEDIATE PA	1 00	0		
PATRICIA DOWNING 1ST VICE PRE	1 00	0		
CASSANDRA E KIESEY SECY/TREAS	1 00	0		
D JOSEPH AUCIELLO JR TRUSTEE	1 00	0		
KEVIN COONEY TRUSTEE	1 00	0		
MICHAEL HALLEE TRUSTEE	1 00	0		
ADOLFO OLIVAS TRUSTEE	1 00	0		
HON MARGOT HALCOMB TRUSTEE	1 00	0		
DANIEL PHILLIPS 2ND VICE PRE	1 00	0		
JAMES ROBINSON TRUSTEE	1 00	0		
MELANIE CAIN EXEC DIRECTO	40 00	50,911		

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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 Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
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	33	No
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)	34	No
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)?	35a	No
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	35b	
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	35c	No
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	No
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?	37b	No
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?	38a	No
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), 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	40b	
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	40e	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ _____		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>MELANIE CAIN</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(513) 896-6671</u> Located at ▶ <u>315 MAPLE AVE HAMILTON, OH</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>45011</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)? 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)	42b	No
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____	42c	No
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		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? <i>If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ</i>	44b	No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	44d	
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	No
45b	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)	45b	No

		Yes	No
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		
		46	No

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

		Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? 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 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

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 business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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 ☐ Yes ☐ No

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		2016-07-28 Date				
	MELANIE CAIN EXEC DIRECTOR Type or print name and title						
Paid Preparer Use Only	Prnt/Type preparer's name LARRY F WARNER CPA		Preparer's signature		Date 2016-07-28	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00158723
	Firm's name ▶ STEPHENSON AND WARNER INC CPAS					Firm's EIN ▶ 31-1452851	
	Firm's address ▶ 1502 UNIVERSITY BLVD STE E HAMILTON, OH 450113300					Phone no (513) 868-8600	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ 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 Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

▶ **Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Name of the organization BUTLER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION	Employer identification number 31-0939386
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	69 TOTAL 69
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES PUBLIC RELATIONS 1,646 OFFICE SUPPLIES 4,372 COPIER 3,631 TELEPHONE 2,447 MEETING S AND OUTINGS 19,257 SEMINARS 1,128 INSURANCE 2,164 GRIEVANCE 4,775 MISCELLANEOUS 486 O'KE EFE MEDICAL 126 SCHOLARSHIPS 1,500 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 520 TOTAL 42,052
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20	DECREASE IN CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT -2,659
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	EXECUTIVE FURNITURE 0 4,366 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 0 520 TOTAL 0 3,846
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES 1,304 2,035 CUSTODIAL LIABILITY - NOTARY CASH BA 23,961 22,941
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	THE PURPOSE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION IS TO PRESERVE THE DIGNITY AND HIGH STANDING OF THE PRO FESSIO, TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH IDEALS AND STANDARDS AND TO ENFORCE ETHICS, TO PROMOTE THE I MPROVEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THE SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF LAW, TO AID TH E COURTS IN THE PROPER DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES, TO PROMOTE THE HARMONIOUS AND FRIENDLY R ELATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE LIAISON WITH THE OHIO ST ATE AND NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION