

Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2016

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

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2016, and ending 20

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: Whatcom Bar Association. D Employer identification number: 91-1239486. E Telephone number: (360) 392-2846. F Group Exemption Number.

G Accounting Method: [X] 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: whatcombar.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - [] 501(c)(3) [X] 501(c)(6) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

K Form of organization: [] Corporation [] Trust [X] Association [] Other

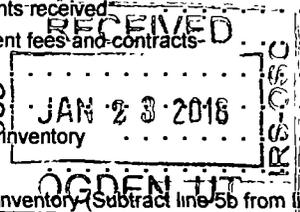
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 31,443

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 [X]

Table with 21 rows and 4 columns. Rows include: 1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received; 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts; 3 Membership dues and assessments; 4 Investment income; 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; 6 Gaming and fundraising events; 6a Gross income from gaming; 6b Gross income from fundraising events; 6c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events; 6d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events; 7a Gross sales of inventory; 7b Less cost of goods sold; 7c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory; 8 Other revenue; 9 Total revenue; 10 Grants and similar amounts paid; 11 Benefits paid to or for members; 12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits; 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors; 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance; 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping; 16 Other expenses; 17 Total expenses; 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year; 19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year; 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances; 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year.

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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

Table with 3 columns: Description, (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year. Rows include Cash, savings, and investments; Land and buildings; Other assets; Total assets; Total liabilities; Net assets or fund balances.

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? Promote the administration of justice, c

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Expense Code. Rows include Promote the administration of justice, cultivate goodwill among members and the community, and and support continuing education goals of members. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here.

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

Table with 5 columns: (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. Rows include Nick Fay Vice President, Lisa Saar President, Matt Conner Secretary, Phil Buri Treasurer.

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

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
35 a 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)?
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c 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
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38 a 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?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955
40b 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
40c 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
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e 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
42 a The organization's books are in care of Phil Buri Telephone no 360-392-2846 Located at P O Box 1142, Bellingham, WA ZIP + 4 98227-1142
42b 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).
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? 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
44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
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)

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 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 46: Yes (46), 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 Schedule C, Part II

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 47: Yes (47), No ()

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 48: Yes (48), No ()

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 49a: Yes (49a), No ()

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 49b: Yes (49b), 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

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."

Table with 3 columns: (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 (X)

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 (Phil Buri), Date (1/16/18), Type or print name and title (Phil Buri, Treasurer)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Preparer's name (Scott Davis), Preparer's signature, Date (01-09-2018), Check if self-employed, PTIN (P00514122), Firm's name (Scott A Davis CPA PS), Firm's address (2211 Elm Street, Bellingham WA 98225), Phone no (360-647-1200)

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization

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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Employer identification number

Whatcom Bar Association

91-1239486

01. Description of other revenue (Part I, line 8)

Description	Amount
Advertising in newsletter	6,480

02. List of grants and similar amounts paid (Part I, line 10)

Activity	Amount
Various	
Grantee	Various orgs given less than \$5k
Amount	4,075

Activity	Amount
Law Library	
Grantee	Whatcom County Law Library
Street	311 Grand Ave B03
City, State, Zip	Bellingham, WA 98225
Amount	5,000

Activity	Amount
LAW Advocates	
Grantee	LAW Advocates
Street	1415 Commercial St.
City, State, Zip	Bellingham, WA 98225
Amount	10,000

03. Description of other expenses (Part I, line 16)

Description	Amount
Bar Lunch Meetings	7,136

Name of the organization

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Whatcom Bdr Association

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Honorarium, Plaques, Flowers 18

Internet 181

Newsletter Stipend 1,800

Office Expense 354

Postage and Supplies 308

Taxes and Licenses 13

04. Changes to governing documents (Part V, line 34)

New Officers Appointed

Lisa Saar-President

Phil Buri-Treasurer

Matt Conner-Secretary

Nick Fay-Vice President