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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017

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Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2017 and ending JUN 30, 2018

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE		D Employer identification number 52-1744337	
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (703) 682-9320	
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 901 NORTH GLEBE ROAD, STE 900		G Gross receipts \$ 51,479,187.	
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ARLINGTON, VA 22203		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
	F Name and address of principal officer: SCOTT G. BULLOCK SAME AS C ABOVE		H(c) Group exemption number ▶	

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: **WWW.IJ.ORG**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

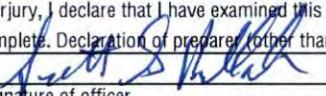
L Year of formation: **1991** M State of legal domicile: **DC**

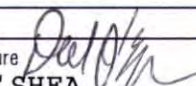
Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF AMERICANS.			
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 10		
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 8		
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part VII, line 2a) 134		
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 50		
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 0.		
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 44,219.		
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 23,931,523.	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 630,087.	23,793,166.	596,756.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 978,899.	1,407,268.	47,462.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 116,189.	25,656,698.	25,844,652.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 25,656,698.	10,000.	49,219.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 10,000.	0.	0.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0.	15,189,846.	17,471,792.
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 15,189,846.	0.	0.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 0.	7,112,417.	6,343,225.
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 1,819,353.	22,312,263.	23,864,236.
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 7,112,417.	3,344,435.	1,980,416.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 22,312,263.	3,344,435.	1,980,416.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 3,344,435.	Net Assets or Fund Balances		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16) 88,765,216.	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 5,593,305.	88,765,216.	92,958,992.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 83,171,911.	5,593,305.	4,387,576.

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 2/27/2019
	SCOTT G. BULLOCK, PRESIDENT Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name DANIEL O'SHEA	Preparer's signature 	Date 02/19/19	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00957510
	Firm's name ▶ COHNREZNICK LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 22-1478099	
Firm's address ▶ 7501 WISCONSIN AVENUE, SUITE 400E BETHESDA, MD 20814			Phone no. 301-652-9100		

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 or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 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 \$ 19,347,018. including grants of \$ 49,219.) (Revenue \$ 596,756.)

TO PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF AMERICANS THROUGH LITIGATION, TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT ISSUES VITAL TO LIBERTY THROUGH MEDIA, ACTIVISM, AND OUTREACH, TO APPLY SOCIAL SCIENCE AND POLICY RESEARCH METHODS TO THOSE ISSUES THAT THE ORGANIZATION LITIGATES, AND TO TRAIN LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS.

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 19,347,018.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 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>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3 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>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. 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>	X	
5 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>		X
6 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>		X
7 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>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, 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>		X
10 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>	X	
11 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.		
a 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>	X	
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>	X	
c 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>		X
d 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>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
f 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>	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
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 and XII is optional</i>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
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, Parts I and IV</i>	X	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 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>		X
18 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>		X
19 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>		X

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 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>	X	
24a 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 lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. 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>		X
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>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 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):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c 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 direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 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>		X
33 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>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, 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>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 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>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	X	
Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O		

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Table with columns for line numbers (1a-14b), descriptions of questions, and Yes/No columns. Includes entries for Form 1096 (55), Form W-2G (0), Form W-3 (134), and Cayman Islands.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

X

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with columns for line number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 1a through 9 regarding governing body members, relationships, and documentation.

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

Table with columns for line number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 10a through 16b regarding local chapters, policies, conflict of interest, whistleblower, and joint ventures.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed SEE SCHEDULE O
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection.
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 during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: DANIEL KNEPPER - 703-682-9320 901 NORTH GLEBE RD, STE 900, ARLINGTON, VA 22203

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) DAVID B. KENNEDY DIRECTOR (UNTIL NOVEMBER 2017)	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(2) ARTHUR DANTCHIK DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(3) ROBERT GELFOND OUTGOING DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(4) ROBERT A. LEVY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) KENNETH N. LEVY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) JIM LINTOTT DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) STEPHEN MODZELEWSKI DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) MARY E. STIEFEL DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) ABIGAIL THERNSTROM DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) SCOTT G. BULLOCK PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL	40.00	X	X				408,557.	0.	46,054.	
(11) WILLIAM MELLOR CHAIRMAN & FOUNDING GENERAL COUNSEL	40.00	X	X				440,455.	0.	52,653.	
(12) DANIEL KNEPPER MANAGING VP-CFO/SECRETARY & TREAS.	40.00			X			299,428.	0.	9,460.	
(13) BETH STEVENS VP FOR DEVELOPMENT	40.00				X		259,447.	0.	46,861.	
(14) DEBORAH SIMPSON CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	40.00				X		286,889.	0.	57,625.	
(15) DANA BERLINER SENIOR VP AND LITIGATION DIRECTOR	40.00				X		396,134.	0.	49,182.	
(16) JOHN KRAMER VP FOR COMMUNICATIONS	40.00				X		349,756.	0.	64,878.	
(17) ROBERT GALL SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00				X		243,406.	0.	53,516.	

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) ROBERT MCNAMARA SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00					X		271,381.	0.	54,939.
(19) RICHARD KOMER SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00					X		239,140.	0.	53,102.
(20) JEFFREY ROWES SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00					X		216,882.	0.	48,054.
(21) PAUL SHERMAN SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00					X		192,689.	0.	52,342.
(22) JAMES WILSON SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	40.00					X		199,686.	0.	26,816.
1b Sub-total								3,803,850.	0.	615,482.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								3,803,850.	0.	615,482.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 47

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
ANSWERWARE, 200 N. GLEBE RD, STE 1050, ARLINGTON, VA 22203	IT CONTRACTORS	224,775.
ALVAREZ & MARSAL GLOBAL FORENSIC AND DISPUT 600 MADISON AVENUE 8TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY	EXPERT WITNESS	165,843.
MASON FRANK USA, 110 WILLIAM STREET, 21ST FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10038	IT CONTRACTORS	165,240.
INTEGRAM, 22695 COMMERCE CENTER COURT, DULLES, VA 20166	PRINTING/MAILING	154,050.
ENDGAME STRATEGIES, 1717 K ST., NW SUITE 900, WASHINGTON, DC 20006	POLICY CONSULTANT	110,000.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 6

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	23,793,166.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		4,247,340.				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		23,793,166.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a	ATTORNEY FEES	Business Code 541100	588,356.	588,356.			
	b	HONORARIA	900099	8,400.	8,400.			
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		596,756.				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,103,004.			1,103,004.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
	6 a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	7 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
			25,938,799.					
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	25,633,893.	642.				
	c	Gain or (loss)	304,906.	-642.				
d	Net gain or (loss)			304,264.		304,264.		
8 a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a						
		b	Less: direct expenses	b				
			Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
9 a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
		b	Less: direct expenses	b				
			Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
		b	Less: cost of goods sold	b				
			Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
11 a	OTHER INCOME	541110		47,462.			47,462.	
			All other revenue					
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			47,462.				
12	Total revenue. See instructions.			25,844,652.	596,756.	0.	1,454,730.	

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).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	49,219.	49,219.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	3,951,697.	3,313,914.	348,125.	289,658.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	11,001,099.	9,225,581.	969,141.	806,377.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	864,445.	724,929.	76,153.	63,363.
9 Other employee benefits	811,563.	680,581.	71,495.	59,487.
10 Payroll taxes	842,988.	706,934.	74,263.	61,791.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	88,610.	70,089.	12,902.	5,619.
c Accounting	49,300.		48,877.	423.
d Lobbying	105,925.	105,925.		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	6,997.			6,997.
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	710,923.	534,593.	165,990.	10,340.
12 Advertising and promotion	61,612.	61,402.	210.	
13 Office expenses	782,450.	453,819.	104,150.	224,481.
14 Information technology	572,224.	94,518.	387,711.	89,995.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,795,718.	1,507,330.	156,545.	131,843.
17 Travel	838,816.	817,081.	12,990.	8,745.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	273,202.	255,946.	15,522.	1,734.
20 Interest	3,870.		3,870.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	398,723.	334,725.	34,715.	29,283.
23 Insurance	117,068.	56,840.	60,228.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a RESEARCH TOOLS	288,467.	268,381.	965.	19,121.
b FILING AND COURT FEES	37,855.	37,846.	6.	3.
c				
d				
e All other expenses	211,465.	47,365.	154,007.	10,093.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	23,864,236.	19,347,018.	2,697,865.	1,819,353.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

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Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	6,958,771.	1	5,701,794.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	3,053,755.	2	1,112,315.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	4,206,997.	3	2,518,689.
	4	Accounts receivable, net	625,577.	4	10,361.
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	297,360.	9	367,093.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	4,627,191.		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	3,500,061.		
	10c		1,335,188.	10c	1,127,130.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities	65,744,923.	11	74,881,159.
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	6,406,005.	12	7,100,839.
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	136,640.	15	139,612.	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	88,765,216.	16	92,958,992.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,324,041.	17	1,891,161.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	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	2,269,264.	25	2,496,415.
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	5,593,305.	26	4,387,576.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	73,729,152.	27	83,191,831.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	9,342,759.	28	5,279,585.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	100,000.	29	100,000.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	83,171,911.	33	88,571,416.	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	88,765,216.	34	92,958,992.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	25,844,652.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	23,864,236.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,980,416.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	83,171,911.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	3,419,089.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	88,571,416.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" 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.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c If "Yes" to line 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.	X	
3a 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?		X
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		

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I 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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	23917519.	30397072.	26553699.	23931523.	23793166.	128592979
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	23917519.	30397072.	26553699.	23931523.	23793166.	128592979
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						18503080.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						110089899

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	23917519.	30397072.	26553699.	23931523.	23793166.	128592979
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	173,350.	330,583.	626,413.	823,607.	1103004.	3056957.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						131649936
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	5,907,436.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	83.62 %
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	79.43 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2017. 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test - 2016. If the organization did not check a 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2017. 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2016. 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2017. 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 - 2016. 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 Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 10b regarding supported organizations, including their status, control, and support.

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? Sub-rows 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? Row 2: Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization?

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? Row 2: Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? Row 3: By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year?

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions). Sub-rows a, b, c. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below. Sub-rows a, b. Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below. Sub-rows a, b.

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI.) See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013			
c From 2014			
d From 2015			
e From 2016			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2013			
b Excess from 2014			
c Excess from 2015			
d Excess from 2016			
e Excess from 2017			

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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization: INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE
Employer identification number: 52-1744337

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
2 Political campaign activity expenditures \$
3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 \$
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 \$
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
4a Was a correction made? Yes No
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities \$
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$
3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization.

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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	35,565.													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	270,904.													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	306,469.													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	23,557,767.													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	23,864,236.													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	1,000,000.													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	250,000.													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)
 (Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.
 See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total	
2a	Lobbying nontaxable amount	1,000,000.	1,000,000.	1,000,000.	1,000,000.	4,000,000.
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					6,000,000.
c	Total lobbying expenditures	112,819.	87,462.	221,964.	306,469.	728,714.
d	Grassroots nontaxable amount	250,000.	250,000.	250,000.	250,000.	1,000,000.
e	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,500,000.
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures	14,313.	12,523.	47,395.	35,565.	109,796.

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Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes questions 1-6 regarding donor advised funds.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Form for Part II Conservation Easements, including questions 1-9 and a table for lines 2a-2d.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets, including questions 1a-1b and 2.

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Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange programs
 - e Other _____
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	105,874.	99,259.	99,417.		
b Contributions				100,000.	
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	7,496.	6,615.	-158.	-583.	
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	2,345.				
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	111,025.	105,874.	99,259.	99,417.	

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment .00 %
 - b Permanent endowment 90.07 %
 - c Temporarily restricted endowment 9.93 %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | X | |
| (ii) related organizations | | X |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | | |

- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		2,325,843.	1,620,162.	705,681.
d Equipment		2,301,348.	1,879,899.	421,449.
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) 1,127,130.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) HEDGE FUND	7,100,839.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶	7,100,839.	

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) DEFERRED RENT	2,215,632.
(3) CAPITAL LEASE LIABILITY	66,515.
(4) GIFT ANNUITY	214,268.
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	2,496,415.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	29,366,649.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	3,419,089.	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	102,266.	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	3,521,355.	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	25,845,294.	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	-642.	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-642.	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	25,844,652.	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	23,967,144.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	102,266.	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	642.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	102,908.	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	23,864,236.	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	23,864,236.	

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART X, LINE 2:

MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT ARE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017. THE INSTITUTE RECOGNIZES INTEREST EXPENSE AND PENALTIES ON INCOME TAXES RELATED TO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS IN MANAGEMENT EXPENSES IN THE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS. THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR PENALTIES AND INTEREST RELATED TO INCOME TAXES ON UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017. TAX YEARS PRIOR TO 2014 ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY THE IRS OR THE TAX JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

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Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS -642.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS 642.

PART V, LINE 4

ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE MAINTAINED TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT SOURCE OF INCOME TO SUPPORT THE INSTITUTE'S OVERALL MISSION. ENDOWMENT ASSETS ARE HELD IN PERPETUITY AS DONOR-RESTRICTED GIFTS, WHILE INCOME GENERATED BY THE ENDOWMENTS IS UTILIZED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR ITS GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE GIFT INSTRUMENT.

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	0	0	INVESTMENTS		7,100,839.
3 a Sub-total	0	0			7,100,839.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			0.
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			7,100,839.

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2017

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Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)* Yes No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990)* Yes No

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
STATE POLICY NETWORK 1655 NORTH FORT MYER DRIVE, #360 ARLINGTON, VA 22209	57-0952531	501(C)(3)	30,000.	0.			2017 & 2018 SPN CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIPS

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 1.

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

PART I, LINE 2

THE GRANTS DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN
 CONFERENCES WITH THE STATE POLICY NETWORK, WHICH THE ORGANIZATION
 BELIEVES HELP IT TO PROVIDE OUTREACH AND TO EDUCATE ON THOSE ISSUES
 THAT THE ORGANIZATION LITIGATES. WE DO NOT FORMALLY MONITOR THE USE OF
 THESE FUNDS AFTER THE GRANT IS MADE.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as, maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?	2	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	4a 4b 4c	 X X X
Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: a The organization? b Any related organization? If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.	5a 5b	 X X
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: a The organization? b Any related organization? If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.	6a 6b	 X X
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	X
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	X
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2017

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) SCOTT G. BULLOCK PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	358,485.	50,000.	72.	37,100.	8,954.	454,611.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) WILLIAM MELLOR CHAIRMAN & FOUNDING GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	440,074.	0.	381.	26,500.	26,153.	493,108.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(3) DANIEL KNEPPER MANAGING VP-CFO/SECRETARY & TREAS.	(i)	264,397.	35,000.	31.	0.	9,460.	308,888.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(4) BETH STEVENS VP FOR DEVELOPMENT	(i)	244,400.	15,000.	47.	35,818.	11,043.	306,308.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(5) DEBORAH SIMPSON CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	(i)	276,817.	10,000.	72.	36,100.	21,525.	344,514.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(6) DANA BERLINER SENIOR VP AND LITIGATION DIRECTOR	(i)	346,062.	50,000.	72.	37,100.	12,082.	445,316.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(7) JOHN KRAMER VP FOR COMMUNICATIONS	(i)	329,684.	20,000.	72.	37,100.	27,778.	414,634.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(8) ROBERT GALL SENIOR ATTORNEY	(i)	218,375.	25,000.	31.	34,191.	19,325.	296,922.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(9) ROBERT MCNAMARA SENIOR ATTORNEY	(i)	261,353.	10,000.	28.	36,000.	18,939.	326,320.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(10) RICHARD KOMER SENIOR ATTORNEY	(i)	234,140.	5,000.	0.	32,990.	20,112.	292,242.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(11) JEFFREY ROWES SENIOR ATTORNEY	(i)	216,837.	0.	45.	24,600.	23,454.	264,936.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(12) PAUL SHERMAN SENIOR ATTORNEY	(i)	192,662.	0.	27.	29,220.	23,122.	245,031.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(13) JAMES WILSON SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	(i)	193,158.	6,500.	28.	16,472.	10,344.	226,502.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
	(ii)							
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	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 4B:

FOUNDING GENERAL COUNSEL CHIP MELLOR PARTICIPATES IN A SECTION 457(F) PLAN.

THERE WERE NO CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018.

\$1.5 MM OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION WAS PAID IN JANUARY 2018 UNDER THE PLAN.

PART I, LINE 7:

THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE DETERMINES, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE BONUSES TO BE AWARDED TO SIX SENIOR IJ EMPLOYEES: (I) PRESIDENT/GENERAL COUNSEL, (II) SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR LITIGATION, (III) CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, (IV) A DESIGNATED SENIOR ATTORNEY, (V) SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS, AND (VI) THE MANAGING VP-CFO/SECRETARY AND TREASURER. FOR ALL OTHERS, BONUSES ARE DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. ALL BONUSES ARE BASED ON A BOARD APPROVED BUDGET. IN ADDITION, IN 2017, THE INSTITUTE APPROVED ONE-TIME BONUSES THAT WERE PAID IN EARLY 2018 TO FOURTEEN IJ EMPLOYEES. IN 2015 AND IN ANTICIPATION OF A TRANSITION IN MANAGEMENT FROM ITS FOUNDER TO A NEW PRESIDENT, THE BOARD CONSULTED WITH AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT AND CONDITIONALLY AUTHORIZED THESE BONUSES FOR IJ EMPLOYEES WHOSE CONTINUED SERVICE WAS CONSIDERED TO BE CRITICAL TO A SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT TRANSITION. IN NOVEMBER 2017, THE

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

BOARD CONCLUDED THAT THE WORK OF THOSE EMPLOYEES HAD EFFECTED BOTH A SMOOTH
TRANSITION AND POSITIONED THE INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN
ACCOMPLISHING ITS CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AND APPROVED PAYMENT
OF THE BONUSES.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Part I	Types of Property	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1	Art - Works of art				
2	Art - Historical treasures				
3	Art - Fractional interests				
4	Books and publications				
5	Clothing and household goods				
6	Cars and other vehicles				
7	Boats and planes				
8	Intellectual property				
9	Securities - Publicly traded	X	47	2,205,784.	FMV
10	Securities - Closely held stock				
11	Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12	Securities - Miscellaneous				
13	Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14	Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15	Real estate - Residential				
16	Real estate - Commercial				
17	Real estate - Other				
18	Collectibles				
19	Food inventory				
20	Drugs and medical supplies				
21	Taxidermy				
22	Historical artifacts				
23	Scientific specimens				
24	Archeological artifacts				
25	Other ▶ (BITCOIN)	X	8	2,041,556.	FMV
26	Other ▶ ()				
27	Other ▶ ()				
28	Other ▶ ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

- 30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?
- b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.
- 31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?
- 32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?
- b If "Yes," describe in Part II.
- 33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a	X	

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2017

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Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE M, LINE 32B:

THE INSTITUTE UTILIZES A BROKERAGE FIRM TO SELL DONATED SECURITIES AND OTHER INVESTMENT VEHICLES.

SCHEDULE M, LINE 9:

THE CONTRIBUTIONS REPORTED IN COLUMN B OF PART I ABOVE REPRESENT THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

THROUGH STRATEGIC LITIGATION, TRAINING, COMMUNICATION, ACTIVISM AND RESEARCH, THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE (IJ) ADVANCES A RULE OF LAW UNDER WHICH INDIVIDUALS CAN CONTROL THEIR DESTINIES AS FREE AND RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. IJ LITIGATES TO SECURE ECONOMIC LIBERTY, SCHOOL CHOICE, PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND OTHER VITAL INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, AND TO RESTORE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS ON THE POWER OF GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION, IJ TRAINS LAW STUDENTS, LAWYERS AND POLICY ACTIVISTS IN THE TACTICS OF PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION. THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, IJ CHALLENGES THE IDEOLOGY OF THE WELFARE STATE AND ILLUSTRATES AND EXTENDS THE BENEFITS OF FREEDOM TO THOSE WHOSE FULL ENJOYMENT OF LIBERTY IS DENIED BY GOVERNMENT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE FORM 990 WAS REVIEWED BY THE INSTITUTE'S AUDIT COMMITTEE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE INSTITUTE'S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS, AS NECESSARY. AFTER REVIEW BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, THE FORM 990 WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BOTH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EVERY EMPLOYEE REVIEW THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND MUST DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS WITH THE INSTITUTE. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS THE POLICY AT OR AROUND ITS FINAL MEETING OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND EACH MEMBER PROVIDES WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. EVERY EMPLOYEE RECEIVES AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE POLICY.

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ANY CONFLICTS OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT OR OTHERWISE REPORTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND REVIEWED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LESS ANY MEMBER THAT MAY HAVE A CONFLICT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

AT THE FALL BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD DETERMINES THE COMPENSATION OF SIX EMPLOYEES: THE PRESIDENT/GENERAL COUNSEL, THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR LITIGATION, THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, A DESIGNATED SENIOR ATTORNEY, THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATION, AND THE CFO/MANAGING VICE PRESIDENT. IJ PROVIDES THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE WITH PRESENT AND PAST COMPENSATION AMOUNTS FOR THESE POSITIONS, AS WELL AS COMPARABLE DATA FROM THE MOST RECENTLY AVAILABLE FORM 990 FOR SIMILARLY SITUATED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. IJ ALSO ANNUALLY ENGAGES AN OUTSIDE VENDOR TO PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION SURVEY. THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MAKES A RECOMMENDATION ON COMPENSATION TO THE FULL BOARD (EXCEPT FOR THE PRESIDENT/GENERAL COUNSEL, WHO IS RECUSED), AND THE FULL BOARD THEN VOTES TO DETERMINE COMPENSATION, WHICH DECISION IS CONTEMPORANEOUSLY RECORDED AND COMMUNICATED TO THE CFO BY THE CHAIRMAN AND PLACED IN THE APPLICABLE CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT FILES. DURING THE SUMMER BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZES FORECASTED COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR OTHER OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES THROUGH ITS APPROVAL OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE INSTITUTE'S 990 AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON ITS AND OTHER WEBSITES. THE INSTITUTE'S 990, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND OTHER IRS DOCUMENTATION, GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CERTAIN OTHER POLICIES ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C

THE INSTITUTE HAS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR. THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE PRIOR YEAR.

CASES IN LITIGATION

CAMPAIGN INTEGRITY WATCHDOG, LLC V. COLORADANS FOR A BETTER FUTURE AND OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS

IN A MAJOR VICTORY FOR FREE SPEECH, THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT RULED IN JANUARY 2018 THAT PRO BONO AND REDUCED COST LEGAL SERVICES TO POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS CANNOT BE REGULATED AS POLITICAL "CONTRIBUTIONS" UNDER COLORADO'S CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS. THIS IS THE RESULT OF A LAWSUIT IJ FILED ON BEHALF OF A GROUP CALLED COLORADANS FOR A BETTER FUTURE (CBF), WHICH RAN TWO RADIO ADS SUPPORTING ONE CANDIDATE IN A LOCAL ELECTION AND OPPOSING THE OTHER. MONTHS AFTER THE LATTER CANDIDATE LOST THE RACE, HE FILED FOUR LAWSUITS AGAINST CBF. HIS FOURTH LAWSUIT CLAIMED THAT VOLUNTEER LEGAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED BY CBF IN 2012 CONSTITUTED A POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION, AND UNFORTUNATELY THE COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS AGREED WITH HIM. AFTER IJ ASKED THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW THE CASE, IT STRUCK DOWN THE LOWER COURT'S RULING, ENSURING THAT ALL

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COLORADANS HAVE THE FREEDOM TO SEEK LEGAL HELP NAVIGATING COLORADO'S COMPLEX CAMPAIGN SYSTEM WITHOUT BEING HAULED INTO COURT BY THEIR POLITICAL OPPONENTS. IN ADDITION, IJ RECEIVED \$450 IN ATTORNEYS' FEES FOR THIS CASE IN FY18.

FISHER V. TOWN OF ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA

A PASSIONATE GAMER, SCOTT FISHER OWNS A VIDEO GAME STORE IN ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA, CALLED GONE BROKE GAMING. TO ATTRACT MORE FOOT TRAFFIC, SCOTT PLACED A NINE-FOOT INFLATABLE MARIO, THE CLASSIC VIDEO GAME CHARACTER, IN FRONT OF HIS STORE. CLAIMING THAT MARIO VIOLATED ITS SIGN CODE, THE CITY DEMANDED THAT SCOTT TAKE DOWN THE INFLATABLE OR RISK BEING FINED \$100 A DAY. ORANGE PARK ALLOWED INFLATABLES FOR SEASONAL AND HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, BUT BANNED THEM FROM BEING USED FOR ADVERTISING BY BUSINESSES. DISCRIMINATING AGAINST BUSINESS SPEECH IS NOT JUST BAD POLICY, IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, WHICH IS WHY SCOTT JOINED THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE IN FILING A FIRST AMENDMENT FEDERAL LAWSUIT. SHORTLY AFTER, ORANGE PARK OFFICIALS ACCEPTED DEFEAT AND REVISED THE CITY'S SIGN CODE IN JANUARY 2018, USING IJ'S MODEL SIGN CODE AS A GUIDE TO ENSURE THAT ALL BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE THE FREEDOM TO ADEQUATELY ADVERTISE.

KING, ET AL. V. LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON CNTY. METRO GOVT.

IJ SCORED A NOTABLE VICTORY IN KENTUCKY DEFENDING FOOD TRUCK ENTREPRENEURS TROY KING AND ROBERT MARTIN FROM THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE'S DISCRIMINATORY REGULATIONS. THE CITY HAD BANNED FOOD TRUCKS FROM OPERATING WITHIN 150 FEET OF RESTAURANTS THAT SOLD SIMILAR FOOD OR ELSE

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FACE HEAVY CITATIONS, FINES, AND TOWING. FOOD TRUCK OWNERS WERE ALSO
 REQUIRED TO OBTAIN WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THEIR COMPETITORS TO SELL
 THEIR FOOD, SOMETHING NO BUSINESS OWNER SHOULD EVER HAVE TO DO. IN
 MARCH 2018, THE LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL REPEALED THE LAW, SO NOW TROY,
 ROBERT, AND ALL LOUISVILLE FOOD TRUCK OWNERS CAN LEGALLY OPERATE
 THROUGHOUT THE CITY, INCLUDING WITHIN 150 FEET OF ANY EATING
 ESTABLISHMENT THAT SERVES SIMILAR FOOD.

WHITNER, ET AL. V. CITY OF PAGEDALE

IN A TRAILBLAZING VICTORY, CITY OFFICIALS IN TINY PAGEDALE, MISSOURI,
 WERE STOPPED IN THEIR TRACKS FROM USING MUNICIPAL FINES AND FEES TO
 FILL CITY COFFERS AT THE EXPENSE OF IMPOVERISHED RESIDENTS. PRIOR TO
 IJ'S INVOLVEMENT, THE CITY FINED RESIDENTS FOR SUCH TRIVIAL INFRACTIONS
 AS HAVING MISMATCHED CURTAINS, HOLES IN THEIR SCREENS, AND WALKING ON
 THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF A CROSSWALK. AFTER BEING UNREASONABLY FINED OVER
 \$2,800, PAGEDALE RESIDENTS VALERIE WHITNER AND VINCENT BLOUNT TEAMED UP
 WITH IJ TO PUT A STOP TO THE MADNESS. THEY WERE REWARDED THIS MAY WHEN
 A FEDERAL COURT JUDGE APPROVED A CONSENT DECREE THAT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY
 REFORM PAGEDALE'S CITY CODES, TICKETING POLICIES, AND JUDICIAL PROCESS
 REGARDING TICKETS. THIS CHANGE BRINGS A SIGH OF RELIEF FOR PAGEDALE
 RESIDENTS AND SERVES AS A NATIONWIDE EXAMPLE THAT POLICING FOR PROFIT
 IS A DISTURBING MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT POWER.

IN THE REGARD TO U.S. CURRENCY TOTALING \$91,800

THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTED PHIL PARHAMOVICH, A
 MUSICIAN FROM MADISON, WISCONSIN, WHO HAD HIS LIFE SAVINGS OF \$91,800

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SEIZED BY WYOMING LAW ENFORCEMENT AFTER HE WAS PULLED OVER FOR ALLEGEDLY NOT WEARING HIS SEATBELT. THOUGH PHIL WAS NEVER ACCUSED OF, OR CHARGED WITH, A CRIME, OFFICERS SEARCHED HIS CAR AND PROMPTLY TOOK HIS CASH. THEY NEXT PRESSURED PHIL INTO SIGNING A WAIVER STATING THAT HE WAS "GIVING" THE MONEY TO THE WYOMING DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION (DCI) AND WAIVING HIS RIGHT TO COURT PROCEEDINGS. A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER JOINING WITH IJ, A WYOMING STATE COURT JUDGE ORDERED THAT PHIL BE GIVEN BACK EVERY PENNY. WHAT'S MORE, THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE PASSED A BILL IN MARCH 2018 BANNING THE USE OF ROADSIDE WAIVERS SO THAT WHAT HAPPENED TO PHIL WILL NEVER OCCUR IN WYOMING AGAIN.

BRUCKER V. CITY OF DORAVILLE

THE CITY OF DORAVILLE, GEORGIA, IMPOSES STEEP FINES AND FEES ON ITS CITIZENS BECAUSE IT BUDGETS FOR THIS INCOME TO COMPRISE BETWEEN 17 AND 30 PERCENT OF ITS OVERALL ANNUAL REVENUE. IJ CLIENT HILDA BRUCKER WAS FINED AND SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS OF PROBATION FOR THE "CRIME" OF HAVING CRACKS IN HER DRIVEWAY. HILDA'S NEIGHBOR JEFF THORNTON WAS FINED \$1,000 FOR THE HIGH CRIME OF HAVING A STACK OF FIREWOOD IN HIS BACKYARD. BY PUTTING FINE REVENUE INTO ITS ANNUAL BUDGET, DORAVILLE CREATES A PERVERSE INCENTIVE TO POLICE FOR PROFIT, RATHER THAN SEEKING JUSTICE AND PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITY. THAT IS WHY IN MAY 2018, HILDA, JEFF, AND TWO OTHERS PARTNERED WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE TO STOP DORAVILLE'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL RELIANCE ON FINES AND FEES INCOME, AND TO FORCE THE CITY TO NOT USE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO BALANCE ITS BUDGET.

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CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY V. CHARLES AND LUCINDA

BIRNBAUM ET AL.

CHARLIE BIRNBAUM'S ATLANTIC CITY HOME HAS BEEN IN HIS FAMILY FOR HALF A CENTURY. HIS PARENTS BOUGHT THE HOUSE WHEN THEY CAME TO THE U.S. AFTER WORLD WAR II. BUT NEW JERSEY'S CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CRDA) ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE CHARLIE'S HOME AS PART OF A VAGUE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO COMPLEMENT A CASINO THAT WENT BELLY UP. CRDA STILL WANTED TO DESTROY CHARLIE'S HOUSE, HOWEVER. THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE TEAMED UP WITH CHARLIE TO CHALLENGE THIS TAKING AND TO PROTECT HIS RIGHT TO OWN PROPERTY. IN AUGUST 2016, A JUDGE RULED THE CITY'S ATTEMPT TO SEIZE CHARLIE'S PROPERTY WAS "A MANIFEST ABUSE OF THE EMINENT DOMAIN POWER" AND DISMISSED THE STATE'S CONDEMNATION. THE CRDA APPEALED, HOWEVER, SO THE CASE CONTINUES.

CHARLESTOWN PLEASANT RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CORP. V. CITY OF CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA; CHARLESTOWN PLEASANT RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CORP., ET AL. V. CITY OF CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA

INDIANA HAS STRONG PROPERTY PROTECTION LAWS TO PREVENT THE GOVERNMENT FROM SEIZING PEOPLE'S HOMES THROUGH EMINENT DOMAIN FOR PRIVATE PROJECTS. BUT THE MAYOR OF CHARLESTOWN CAME UP WITH ANOTHER UNCONSTITUTIONAL PLAN TO GET HOMES IN THE WORKING-CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD OF PLEASANT RIDGE INTO THE HANDS OF HIS PREFERRED DEVELOPER. CITY INSPECTORS ISSUED CRIPPLING FINES FOR TRIVIAL PROPERTY-CODE VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING TORN SCREENS AND CHIPPED PAINT. ONCE HOMEOWNERS AMASSED INSURMOUNTABLE FINES, THE DEVELOPER WOULD OFFER TO BUY THE PROPERTY FOR \$10,000, SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW THE MARKET VALUE. THE INSTITUTE FOR

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JUSTICE TEAMED UP WITH PLEASANT RIDGE RESIDENTS TO PUT AN END TO THE
MAYOR'S MISSION TO DESTROY THEIR COMMUNITY, AND IN DECEMBER 2017, THE
COURT ORDERED THAT CITY OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY STOP THE CITY'S USE OF
EXCESSIVE HOUSING CODE FINES. THE CITY HAS APPEALED THE RULING, SO A
SHOWDOWN AWAITS IN THE INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS, AND PERHAPS EVENTUALLY
BEFORE A HIGHER COURT. A VICTORY IN THIS CASE WILL ALSO PREVENT
CHARLESTOWN'S SCHEME FROM BECOMING A NATIONAL MODEL FOR LAND-HUNGRY
GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE DEVELOPERS.

CITY OF DALLAS V. HINGA MBOGO, HINGA AUTOMOTIVE CO., D/B/A HINGA AUTO
REPAIR, AND 3516 ROSS AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS

FOR 30 YEARS, KENYAN IMMIGRANT HINGA MBOGO HAS OWNED AND OPERATED HIS
AUTO GARAGE ON ROSS AVENUE IN DALLAS. BUT NOW THE CITY WANTS HINGA TO
CLOSE UP SHOP AND LEAVE BECAUSE HIS POPULAR GARAGE DOES NOT FIT THE
CITY COUNCIL'S VISION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE
CITY PASSED RETROACTIVE ZONING LAWS, A PROCESS OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS
AMORTIZATION, AND SPECIFICALLY DISALLOWED ANY AUTOMOTIVE-RELATED
BUSINESS IN THE ROSS STREET NEIGHBORHOOD. IN ADDITION, THE CITY
SLAPPED HINGA WITH MORE THAN \$300,000 IN FINES EVEN THOUGH THE CITY
REGULATIONS EXPLICITLY LIMIT FINES TO \$2,000. HINGA AND IJ ARE SEEKING
THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT'S REVIEW OF A LOWER COURT'S JULY 2017 DECISION
THAT DISMISSED THE CASE. HINGA HAS VOWED TO CONTINUE THIS BATTLE, NOT
JUST SO THAT HE CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE HIS BUSINESS ON LAND HE HAS
OWNED FOR DECADES, BUT ALSO TO SET PRECEDENT THAT PROTECTS THE RIGHTS
OF OTHERS.

CITY OF ELBERTON, GEORGIA V. 0.013 ACRES OF LAND IN THE CITY OF ELBERTON

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FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS, BOB AND RINA THOMAS HAVE OPERATED THEIR FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS FROM A SMALL OFFICE BUILDING ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE IN ELBERTON, GEORGIA. BOB AND RINA'S DIFFICULTIES BEGAN AFTER THEY REFUSED TO SELL THEIR BUILDING TO MAKE WAY FOR A HOTEL THE CITY HAD PURCHASED AND PLANNED TO RENOVATE. THE CITY TURNED AROUND AND ANNOUNCED PLANS TO BULLDOZE BOB AND RINA'S BUILDING TO CREATE A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY, EVEN THOUGH A SIMILAR SIDEWALK EXISTS LESS THAN 100 FEET DOWN THE STREET. INVOKING EMINENT DOMAIN TO SEIZE THE THOMASES' BUILDING BY USING A "QUICK TAKE" PROCEDURE INTENDED TO BUILD HIGHWAYS WAS THE CITY'S ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT GEORGIA'S STRONG PROTECTIONS FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS. AFTER IJ GOT INVOLVED, THE CITY BACKED DOWN AND THE CASE SETTLED WITHOUT THE CITY USING EMINENT DOMAIN OR ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY.

CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY V. WIEBESICK, ET AL.

THIS LAWSUIT CHALLENGED THE CITY OF GOLDEN VALLEY, MINNESOTA'S PRACTICE OF USING ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS TO INSPECT RENTAL PROPERTIES AND CHECK, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THEIR TENANTS ARE MAINTAINING A CLEAN KITCHEN AND BATHROOM. IN 2015, IJ CLIENTS JACKIE AND JASON WIEBESICK WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO SUBMIT TO AN INSPECTION OF THEIR RENTAL UNIT IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR RENTAL LICENSE. IJ PARTNERED WITH THE WIEBESICKS TO PROTECT LANDLORDS' AND TENANTS' RIGHT TO PRIVACY UNDER THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION. IN JULY 2017, THE STATE SUPREME COURT DEALT A BLOW TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF MINNESOTANS, RULING THAT CITIES DO NOT NEED TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF A SUSPECTED HOUSING CODE VIOLATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT TO INSPECT

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RENTERS' HOMES.

CHAD JARREAU, ET AL. V. SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT

CHAD JARREAU HAD BEEN A DIRT FARMER FOR OVER 10 YEARS IN CUTOFF, LOUISIANA. MANUFACTURING DIRT INVOLVES DRAINING PITS OF DIRT AND THEN CHURNING IT TO CREATE FINE-GRAINED SANDY DIRT USEFUL IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. IN 2011, THE SOUTH LAFOURCHE LEVEE DISTRICT, THE GOVERNMENT ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCAL LEVEE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, SEIZED A BROAD SWATH OF JARREAU'S LAND FOR LEVEE CONSTRUCTION, MAKING FURTHER DIRT FARMING IMPOSSIBLE. AFTER A TRIAL, A LOUISIANA STATE COURT JUDGE AWARDED HIM JUST OVER \$10,000 FOR THE LAND THE GOVERNMENT TOOK. BUT THE JUDGE ALSO FOUND THAT JARREAU'S DIRT-FARMING BUSINESS WAS EXTREMELY VALUABLE AND AWARDED HIM MORE THAN \$150,000 FOR THE HARM TO HIS DIRT-FARMING OPERATION. ON APPEAL, THE LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT HELD THAT JARREAU WAS NOT ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES TO HIS BUSINESS, ONLY FOR THE PRICE OF THE LAND, REDUCING THE TOTAL AWARD BACK DOWN TO \$10,000. IJ FILED A PETITION TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN JULY 2017 TO SETTLE THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT MUST COMPENSATE FOR BUSINESS LOSSES WHEN IT TAKES PEOPLE'S LAND. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SUPREME COURT CAN ONLY HEAR SO MANY CASES AND DECLINED TO HEAR THIS CASE.

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE V. ONE (1) 2014 NISSAN 4DR SILVER; HARJO V. CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

THOUGH NEW MEXICO HAS BEEN A TRAILBLAZER FOR ABOLISHING CIVIL FORFEITURE, THE PROFIT-HUNGRY CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE BLATANTLY DISREGARDED

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THE STATE'S LANDMARK REFORMS AND CONTINUED TO SEIZE AND FORFEIT AT THE EXPENSE OF INNOCENT PROPERTY OWNERS. ONE SUCH VICTIM IS IJ CLIENT ARLENE HARJO. DESPITE NOT COMMITTING ANY CRIME HERSELF, THE POLICE SEIZED ARLENE'S 2014 NISSAN VERSA AFTER HER SON TOOK THE CAR UNDER FALSE PRETENSES AND WAS ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED. ACCORDING TO THE CITY, ARLENE WOULD HAVE TO PAY \$4,000 AND IMMOBILIZE HER CAR FOR 18 MONTHS TO GET HER CAR BACK. INSTEAD, ARLENE JOINED FORCES WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE TO SUE ALBUQUERQUE, ARGUING THAT THE CITY'S FORFEITURE PROGRAM VIOLATED NOT ONLY STATE LAW BUT THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. THOUGH THE CITY RETURNED HER CAR SOON AFTER, IJ IS PUSHING THE CASE FORWARD TO CURB ANY FURTHER ABUSE WITHIN THE SYSTEM.

DOROTHY RIVERA, EDDY OMAR RIVERA, AND STEVEN CAMBURN V. BOROUGH OF POTTSTOWN AND KEITH A. PLACE

DOTTIE AND OMAR RIVERA ARE TENANTS IN A RENTAL HOME LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA. STEVEN CAMBURN OWNS AND OPERATES RENTAL PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH OF POTTSTOWN, INCLUDING THE HOME THE RIVERAS RENT. KATHLEEN AND ROSEMARIE O'CONNOR HAVE RESIDED AT THEIR HOME FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS. THEIR HOME IS OWNED BY THEIR FATHER, PLAINTIFF THOMAS O'CONNOR, WHO HAS LIVED NEXT DOOR FOR 57 YEARS. THIS BRAVE COALITION IS CHALLENGING THE BOROUGH OF POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA'S USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS TO CONDUCT NONCONSENSUAL RENTAL HOME INSPECTIONS WITHOUT INDIVIDUALIZED PROBABLE CAUSE OF A HOUSING-CODE VIOLATION. A VICTORY IN THIS CASE WILL AFFIRM THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTION'S RIGHT TO PROTECTION AGAINST UNREASONABLE SEARCHES, WHETHER THE OCCUPANTS ARE HOMEOWNERS OR RENTERS.

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HORNER, ET AL. V. CURRY, ET AL.

THE INDIANA CONSTITUTION MAKES CLEAR THAT ALL FORFEITURE PROCEEDS SHOULD GO TO THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUT INDIANAPOLIS POLICE AND PROSECUTORS HAVE BEEN KEEPING THIS CASH FOR THEMSELVES. TWO INDIANA RESIDENTS WHO WERE UNJUSTLY TARGETED IN A FORFEITURE SCHEME HAVE JOINED WITH IJ TO COMPEL POLICE AND PROSECUTORS TO FOLLOW THE LAW AND STOP PROFITING FROM THEIR FORFEITURE PROGRAM. IN JUNE 2018, THE INDIANA SUPREME COURT AGREED TO REVIEW A TRIAL COURT RULING THAT APPROVED THE STATE'S PROFIT-DRIVEN FORFEITURE SYSTEM. WINNING THIS CASE WILL CONFIRM THAT EVERYONE MUST FOLLOW THE LAW, INCLUDING POLICE AND PROSECUTORS, AND SET A PRECEDENT FOR EVERY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE IN INDIANA.

JAMEELAH EL-SHABAZZ, ET AL. V. CITY OF NEW YORK

IJ IS REPRESENTING THREE NEW YORK RENTERS, INCLUDING SUNG CHO, WHO OPERATES A LAUNDROMAT IN A RENTAL SPACE IN MANHATTAN. IN 2013, HE ARRIVED AT HIS LAUNDROMAT TO FIND AN EVICTION NOTICE ON THE WINDOW. THE POLICE WERE UTILIZING NEW YORK CITY'S "NO-FAULT" EVICTION LAW, WHICH ALLOWS POLICE TO SHUTTER A PROPERTY AND EVICT THE TENANT SIMPLY BECAUSE A CRIME OCCURRED ON THE PREMISES, EVEN IF THE TENANT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRIME. IN CHO'S CASE, UNDERCOVER POLICE HAD COME TO THE LAUNDROMAT MONTHS EARLIER AND ASKED CUSTOMERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IF THEY WANTED TO PURCHASE STOLEN ELECTRONICS. NEITHER SUNG NOR ANY OF HIS EMPLOYEES WERE INVOLVED IN THE STING, BUT BECAUSE TWO CUSTOMERS TOOK THE BAIT, SUNG WAS THREATENED WITH EVICTION. THE CITY OFFERED TO DROP THE ACTION IF SUNG AGREED TO WAIVE HIS FOURTH AMENDMENT

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RIGHT TO REFUSE WARRANTLESS SEARCHES, GIVE POLICE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO HIS SECURITY CAMERAS, AND CONSENT TO FINES AND SANCTIONS FOR ALLEGED CRIMINAL OFFENSES AT THE BUSINESS WITHOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO BEFORE A JUDGE. THE OTHER TWO PLAINTIFFS ARE RESIDENTIAL RENTERS, WHO WERE FORCED TO AGREE TO EXCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS FROM THEIR HOMES OR BE THROWN OUT PERMANENTLY. A LOWER FEDERAL COURT RULED THAT THE CASE DID NOT BELONG IN FEDERAL COURT, AND IJ HAS APPEALED THAT DECISION.

KAZAZI V. U.S. CBP

LAST OCTOBER, RUSTEM KAZAZI, A FORMER POLICE OFFICER FROM ALBANIA, WAS STOPPED IN SECURITY AT THE CLEVELAND AIRPORT AND HAD \$58,100 IN CASH SEIZED BY U.S CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTIONS (CBP) EVEN THOUGH HE HAD DONE NOTHING ILLEGAL. RUSTEM WAS FLYING TO NEW JERSEY AND THEN RETURNING TO HIS NATIVE COUNTRY WITH 12 YEARS' WORTH OF FAMILY SAVINGS TO FIND A PROPERTY HE AND HIS WIFE COULD ENJOY IN RETIREMENT. ADDING INSULT TO INJURY, CBP CLAIMED LATER THAT THEY ONLY TOOK \$57,330, \$770 LESS THAN HE WAS ACTUALLY CARRYING. SOON AFTER IJ GOT INVOLVED, THE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO RETURN THE \$57,330 THAT CBP ACKNOWLEDGES ITS AGENTS TOOK FROM THE KAZAZIS. THE KAZAZI FAMILY REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANYTHING LESS THAN EVERYTHING THEY ARE OWED. IN JUNE, A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE ORDERED THE CASE TO TRIAL BECAUSE OF THE DISAGREEMENT. THIS CASE PRESENTS AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT OF ACCOUNTABILITY ON CBP AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EXTENSIVE USE OF CIVIL FORFEITURE.

LIVE OAK BREWING ET AL. V. TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

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BEFORE 2013, BREWERIES IN TEXAS ROUTINELY RECEIVED PAYMENTS FROM BEER DISTRIBUTORS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RIGHTS TO DISTRIBUTE THE BREWERY'S BEER. BUT IN 2013, AT THE BEHEST OF POLITICALLY CONNECTED DISTRIBUTORS, THE STATE OF TEXAS MADE IT ILLEGAL FOR BREWERS TO ACCEPT COMPENSATION WHEN GRANTING DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS. THEY HAD TO GIVE THE RIGHTS TO DISTRIBUTORS FOR FREE, BUT THE DISTRIBUTORS COULD THEN SELL THEM AT A PROFIT. THIS NEW LAW CAUSED BREWERS TO LOSE OUT ON MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF INCOME. FED UP, THE OWNERS OF THREE CRAFT BREWERIES TEAMED UP WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE TO CHALLENGE THE LAW. IN AUGUST 2016, A TEXAS STATE JUDGE RULED IN OUR CLIENTS' FAVOR, STRIKING DOWN THE LAW AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE STATE APPEALED THE RULING, AND THE MID-LEVEL COURT REVERSED. IJ IS CURRENTLY AWAITING A RESPONSE FROM A PETITION FILED WITH THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT IN FEBRUARY. A VICTORY IN THIS CASE WILL ESTABLISH THAT THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION PROTECTS THE PROPERTY RIGHTS THAT SOMEONE OWNS IN A BUSINESS THEY'VE BUILT, AND IT WILL KEEP THE TAPS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP FLOWING IN THE LONE STAR STATE.

MCGINNITY V. CITY OF WEST HAVEN

BOB MCGINNITY, ALONG WITH TWO OF HIS ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS, PARTNERED WITH IJ IN 2016 TO CHALLENGE THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPT TO SEIZE HIS HOME IN WEST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT. THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN'S REDEVELOPMENT PLAN CALLED FOR LAND TO BE ACQUIRED, BY EMINENT DOMAIN IF NECESSARY, AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO A PRIVATE DEVELOPER TO TRANSFORM A LARGE CHUNK OF WEST HAVEN'S WATERFRONT INTO AN OUTDOOR SHOPPING MALL. IJ QUICKLY OBTAINED A COURT ORDER PREVENTING THE CITY FROM TAKING BOB'S PROPERTY WHILE THE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE TRIAL COURT. THE CASE WAS ULTIMATELY SETTLED IN OCTOBER 2017 WHEN BOB VOLUNTARILY SOLD HIS HOME TO THE

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DEVELOPER IN ORDER TO CARE FOR HIS ELDERLY UNCLE.

MORALES V. CITY OF INDIO, ET AL.

RAMONA MORALES IS A HOUSEKEEPER, RETIRED AVON MAKEUP SALESWOMAN, AND PROPERTY MANAGER IN INDIO, CALIFORNIA. AFTER YEARS OF DILIGENT SAVING, RAMONA PURCHASED MULTIPLE SMALL PROPERTIES TO RENT OUT. IN 2015, SHE RECEIVED TWO WARNINGS, A CRIMINAL CITATION, AND EVEN AN ARREST WARRANT, EACH CLAIMING THAT ONE OF HER TENANTS WAS ILLEGALLY KEEPING CHICKENS. THOUGH RAMONA PAID THE FINE, SHE WAS ISSUED A \$3,030 BILL FROM THE CITY'S LAW FIRM. AFTER APPEALING THE FEES AND LOSING, RAMONA WAS SLAPPED WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$2,628 FOR THE COST OF THE APPEAL, AGAIN BILLED BY THE PRIVATE LAW FIRM. RAMONA IS JUST ONE OF AN UNTOLD NUMBER OF CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE BEEN CAUGHT UP IN AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL SCHEME TO TURN CITIES' PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES INTO BIG BUSINESS. IJ TEAMED UP WITH RAMONA IN A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT TO SHUT DOWN THIS PROSECUTION FEES SYSTEM AND RETURN THE MONEY PAID BY RAMONA AND OTHERS IN HER SITUATION. BOTH FEDERAL AND CALIFORNIA COURTS HAVE ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT IS ILLEGAL FOR PROSECUTORS TO HAVE A DIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE CASES THEY BRING. THAT IS WHY IJ WILL KEEP FIGHTING TO END THIS TYPE OF POLICING FOR PROFIT IN CALIFORNIA AND ELSEWHERE.

NWAORIE V. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

ANTHONIA NWAORIE IS A REGISTERED NURSE AND AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO WAS HEADED TO NIGERIA LAST OCTOBER WITH \$41,377 SHE HAD SAVED TO OPEN A MEDICAL CLINIC. AT HOUSTON'S GEORGE BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP) AGENTS DISCOVERED HER MONEY

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AND TOOK EVERY PENNY, EVEN THOUGH SHE OBTAINED THE MONEY LEGALLY AND
 PLANNED TO USE IT LEGALLY. CBP REFUSED TO RETURN HER MONEY UNLESS SHE
 SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WAIVING HER RIGHT TO INTEREST ON THE SEIZED
 PROPERTY AND HER RIGHTS TO SUE CBP OVER ANYTHING RELATED TO THE
 CONFISCATION OF HER MONEY. ANTHONIA TEAMED UP WITH IJ TO FILE A
 FEDERAL CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST CBP, AND WITHIN JUST ONE MONTH,
 SHE RECEIVED HER MONEY BACK. YET, IJ WILL FORGE AHEAD WITH THE LAWSUIT
 UNTIL CBP'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR IS PUT TO AN END IN
 COURT.

PLATT V. MOORE

ARIZONA RESIDENTS TERRY AND RIA PLATT LOANED THEIR CAR TO THEIR SON WHO
 WAS PULLED OVER BY POLICE FOR A WINDOW TINT VIOLATION. THE POLICE
 FOUND CASH AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF PERSONAL-USE MARIJUANA, BOTH OF WHICH
 THE SON ACKNOWLEDGED WERE HIS. EVEN THOUGH ARIZONA LAW DOES NOT ALLOW
 FORFEITURE OF A CAR UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE POLICE AND PROSECUTOR
 STILL SEIZED AND HELD THE PLATTS' CAR. NAVAJO COUNTY PROSECUTORS THEN
 USED A TROUBLING PROCEDURE THAT TURNS PROSECUTORS INTO JUDGES TO KEEP
 THE PLATTS FROM HAVING THEIR DAY IN COURT. A MONTH AFTER THE INSTITUTE
 FOR JUSTICE GOT INVOLVED, THE GOVERNMENT RELENDED AND RETURNED THE CAR
 TO TERRY AND RIA. IN RESPONSE TO CASES LIKE THE PLATTS', THE ARIZONA
 LEGISLATURE ENACTED IMPORTANT REFORMS TO THE STATE'S FORFEITURE SYSTEM.
 BUT ARIZONA STILL ALLOWS "UNCONTESTED FORFEITURE" FROM THOSE WHO HAVE
 NEVER BEEN CHARGED WITH, MUCH LESS CONVICTED OF, ANY CRIME. SO, THE
 PLATTS AND IJ ARE CONTINUING TO FIGHT IN COURT TO ENSURE THE VIOLATION
 OF TERRY AND RIA'S RIGHTS IS RECOGNIZED AND TO PREVENT THIS FROM
 HAPPENING TO THEM OR OTHERS IN THE FUTURE.

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RICKETTS V. MIAMI SHORES

FOR NEARLY TWO DECADES, HERMINE RICKETTS AND HER HUSBAND, TOM CARROLL OF MIAMI SHORES, FLORIDA, USED THEIR FRONT YARD TO GROW FOOD FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION. BUT IN 2013, THE CITY PROHIBITED FRONT-YARD VEGETABLE GARDENS, WHILE ALLOWING FRUIT TREES AND YARD ORNAMENTS, AND IMPOSED A HEFTY FINE ON HERMINE AND TOM. UPROOTING THEIR GARDEN, BUT PARTNERING WITH IJ, THE COUPLE CHALLENGED THE BAN IN COURT. THE BAN WAS UPHeld BY BOTH THE TRIAL COURT AND FLORIDA THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE COUPLE ASKED THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW THE DECISION, WHICH IT DECLINED TO DO IN FEBRUARY 2018. THE BATTLE, HOWEVER, IS FAR FROM OVER. HERMINE AND TOM ARE PART OF A NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT OF SMALL-SCALE FOOD PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS WHO ARE TIRED OF THE GOVERNMENT DICTATING WHAT FOODS THEY CAN GROW, SELL, AND EAT. THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT UNTIL COURTS MAKE CLEAR THAT ALL AMERICANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO PEACEFULLY AND PRODUCTIVELY USE THEIR PROPERTY TO FEED THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

SERRANO V. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

WHILE GERARDO SERRANO WAS CROSSING THE BORDER INTO MEXICO AT EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP) SEIZED HIS TRUCK SIMPLY BECAUSE HE FORGOT THAT HE'D LEFT FIVE BULLETS IN HIS CENTER CONSOLE. ACCORDING TO CBP, THE TRUCK WAS SUBJECT TO CIVIL FORFEITURE BECAUSE IT WAS USED TO TRANSPORT "MUNITIONS OF WAR." FOR OVER TWO YEARS, THE AGENCY HELD GERARDO'S TRUCK WITHOUT EVER TAKING ITS CASE BEFORE A JUDGE, ALL WHILE HE CONTINUED TO MAKE HIS MONTHLY CAR

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PAYMENTS. DONE WAITING, GERARDO JOINED WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE TO SUE TO GET HIS PROPERTY BACK, AND IN OCTOBER 2017, THE GOVERNMENT FINALLY RETURNED GERARDO'S TRUCK. THE CASE IS STILL ONGOING, AS WE FILED SUIT ON BEHALF OF A CLASS OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD THEIR VEHICLES SEIZED BY CBP. TOGETHER, IJ AND GERARDO ARE DETERMINED TO HOLD CBP ACCOUNTABLE TO MAKE SURE NO ONE ELSE HAS TO LOSE THEIR PROPERTY AND UNDERGO THIS UNCONSTITUTIONAL TREATMENT.

TIMBS V. STATE OF INDIANA

EARLIER THIS YEAR, IJ FILED A PETITION ON BEHALF OF TYSON TIMBS WHOSE LAND ROVER WAS SEIZED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AFTER HE WAS CONVICTED OF SELLING LESS THAN \$200 WORTH OF DRUGS. EVEN AFTER TURNING HIS LIFE AROUND, SERVING A FULL YEAR ON HOUSE ARREST, AND PAYING HIS COURT FEES, THE GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO RETURN TYSON'S VEHICLE, AN AFFRONT THE TRIAL COURT RULED AS "GROSSLY DISPROPORTIONAL" TO THE OFFENSE. AFTER THE INDIANA SUPREME COURT RULED THAT THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT PROVIDES NO PROTECTION AT ALL AGAINST FINES AND FORFEITURES IMPOSED BY THE STATES, IJ IS CHALLENGING THIS DECISION AT THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, WHICH HAS AGREED TO HEAR THE CASE. NOT ONLY DOES IT PROVIDE THE COURT ITS FIRST OPPORTUNITY IN OVER 20 YEARS TO REIN IN CIVIL FORFEITURE, IT PRESENTS A VITALLY IMPORTANT YET UNRESOLVED LEGAL ISSUE: THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT'S PROHIBITION ON EXCESSIVE FINES IS ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS THAT HAS NOT BEEN APPLIED TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THIS CASE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO GIVE MEANINGFUL PROTECTION TO INDIVIDUALS IN EVERY STATE FROM THESE ABUSES, AND TO LIMIT GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO TURN LAW ENFORCEMENT INTO REVENUE GENERATORS.

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ALEXIS BAILLY VINEYARD, INC. V. DOHMAN

MINNESOTA STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT THE MAJORITY OF GRAPES MINNESOTA WINERIES USE IN THE PRODUCTION OF WINE MUST COME FROM MINNESOTA. BUT THE MINNESOTA CLIMATE AND SOIL DO NOT SUSTAIN A WIDE VARIETY OF GRAPES THAT CAN BE MADE INTO DRINKABLE AND DESIRABLE WINES. MINNESOTA WINERIES MUST MIX MINNESOTA GRAPES WITH GRAPES GROWN IN OTHER REGIONS TO GET THE RESULTS THEY NEED TO COMPETE. TWO FARM WINERIES, ALEXIS BAILLY VINEYARD AND NEXT CHAPTER WINERY, HAVE TEAMED UP WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE TO ENSURE THAT MINNESOTA WINERIES ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE THE GRAPES THEY NEED TO COMPETE UNHINDERED BY STATE-MANDATED IMPEDIMENTS. THOUGH A MINNESOTA FEDERAL JUDGE DISMISSED THE LAWSUIT IN APRIL, IJ WILL PUSH FORWARD TO CHALLENGE THESE DISCRIMINATORY REGULATIONS ON APPEAL. A VICTORY IN THIS LAWSUIT WILL ENHANCE INTERSTATE COMMERCE THAT BINDS THE COUNTRY TOGETHER AND MAKES GOODS LIKE FARM-MADE WINE CHEAPER AND MORE ACCESSIBLE TO AMERICANS NATIONWIDE.

BIRCHANSKY, ET AL. V. CLABAUGH, ET AL.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED (CON) LAWS REQUIRE WOULD-BE PROVIDERS TO PROVE TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT THERE IS A "NEED" FOR NEW MEDICAL SERVICES BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO OFFER THEM. IJ CLIENT OPHTHALMOLOGIST LEE BIRCHANSKY IS JUST ONE CASUALTY OF THIS SYSTEM. FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, DR. BIRCHANSKY HAS TRIED TO OPEN HIS OWN OUTPATIENT SURGERY CENTER NEXT TO HIS OFFICE IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. THOUGH HE IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP OPHTHALMOLOGISTS IN THE COUNTRY, DR. BIRCHANSKY WAS DENIED A CERTIFICATE OF NEED TO OPEN HIS CENTER ON FOUR

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SEPARATE OCCASIONS, EACH TIME AFTER TWO EXISTING OPERATING FACILITIES
 INTERVENED TO PROTECT THEIR BUSINESSES FROM COMPETITION. IN A
 FIRST-ROUND VICTORY IN A FEDERAL COURT, THE JUDGE REFUSED TO DISMISS
 THE CASE, HOLDING THAT PROTECTING AN INDUSTRY GROUP FROM COMPETITION IS
 NOT A LEGITIMATE USE OF GOVERNMENT POWER. THIS PUTS IJ ONE STEP CLOSER
 TO STRIKING DOWN IOWA'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND SENDS A MESSAGE TO
 OTHER STATES WITH SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS.

BURKE V. CITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO LAW MAKES IT ILLEGAL FOR FOOD TRUCKS TO OPERATE WITHIN 200 FEET
 OF ANY BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESS THAT SELLS FOOD, INCLUDING WALGREENS.
 THIS LAW EFFECTIVELY SHUTS MOBILE VENDORS OUT OF THE DOWNTOWN MARKET
 AND BLATANTLY PROTECTS THE INTERESTS OF POLITICALLY CONNECTED BUSINESS
 OWNERS. THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE IS FIGHTING THIS RESTRICTION ON
 BEHALF OF FOOD TRUCK OPERATOR LAURA PEKARIK TO CLEARLY ESTABLISH THE
 ECONOMIC RIGHTS OF ALL VENDING ENTREPRENEURS. IN DECEMBER 2017, AN
 APPELLATE COURT JUDGE RULED THAT CHICAGO COULD PROTECT BRICK-AND-MORTAR
 RESTAURANTS FROM FOOD TRUCK COMPETITION, BUT THANKS TO THE PERSISTENCE
 OF LAURA AND IJ, THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL HEAR
 THE CASE LATER THIS YEAR. A VICTORY AT ILLINOIS' HIGHEST COURT WILL
 NOT ONLY CLEAR THE WAY FOR A THRIVING FOOD TRUCK INDUSTRY IN THE WINDY
 CITY, IT WILL ALSO SECURE THE ECONOMIC LIBERTY RIGHTS OF ENTREPRENEURS
 THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND ACROSS EVERY OCCUPATION.

COURTNEY V. GOLTZ

FOR YEARS, BROTHERS JIM AND CLIFF COURTNEY HAVE WANTED TO PROVIDE

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CONVENIENT FERRY SERVICE ACROSS LAKE CHELAN IN WASHINGTON STATE TO
 ENHANCE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IN THEIR SMALL COMMUNITY LOCATED AT THE
 NORTHERN END OF THE LAKE. BUT THE STATE REQUIRES JIM AND CLIFF TO
 EITHER OBTAIN THE EXISTING FERRY COMPANY'S PERMISSION TO COMPETE, OR
 PROVE IN A TRIAL-LIKE HEARING THAT THE EXISTING COMPANY IS NOT
 PROVIDING "REASONABLE AND ADEQUATE SERVICE" AND THAT A NEW SERVICE IS
 NECESSARY. REALIZING THAT THE STATE IS MORE CONCERNED WITH PROTECTING
 ESTABLISHED INTERESTS THAN FOSTERING ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY,
 JIM AND CLIFF HAVE JOINED WITH IJ TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHT, AND THE RIGHT
 OF EVERY AMERICAN, TO PURSUE AN HONEST LIVING FREE FROM PROTECTIONIST
 INTERFERENCE BY THE GOVERNMENT.

FREENOR V. MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH; BILLUPS V. CITY
 OF CHARLESTON

IJ'S LITIGATION TO FREE TOUR GUIDES FROM BURDENSOME AND UNNECESSARY
 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS CONTINUES IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, AND CHARLESTON,
 SOUTH CAROLINA. BOTH CITIES THREATEN UNLICENSED TOUR GUIDES WITH FINES
 AND JAIL TIME, FORCING THEM TO OBTAIN THE GOVERNMENT'S PERMISSION TO
 SPEAK BY PASSING MULTIPLE CHOICE EXAMS. WE CHALLENGED THESE LAWS TO
 PROTECT THE RIGHT OF AMERICANS TO SPEAK WITHOUT ARBITRARY GOVERNMENT
 INTERFERENCE. THOUGH SAVANNAH'S CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO REPEAL ITS TOUR
 GUIDE LICENSING LAW IN OCTOBER 2015, THE CASE CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE A
 SEPARATE PROVISION THAT CHARGES TOUR GUIDES A SET FEE FOR EVERY MEMBER
 OF THEIR AUDIENCE. THE CHARLESTON CASE IS CURRENTLY WAITING FOR A
 RULING FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COURT.

JACKSON V. KEMP ET AL.

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MARY JACKSON, A CERTIFIED LACTATION COUNSELOR, AND REACHING OUR SISTERS EVERYWHERE (ROSE), A NON-PROFIT DEDICATED TO PROVIDING BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT TO MINORITY COMMUNITIES, JOINED WITH IJ IN JUNE 2018 TO CHALLENGE GEORGIA'S RECENT MANDATE THAT LACTATION CONSULTANTS BE CERTIFIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF LACTATION CONSULTANT EXAMINERS (IBCLC). DOING SO REQUIRES ROUGHLY TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE COURSES AND COMPLETING MORE THAN 300 HOURS OF SUPERVISED CLINICAL WORK. THOSE WHO FAIL TO COMPLY ARE CHARGED WITH FINES OF UP TO \$500 PER DAY. THESE CONSULTANTS HAVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE UNDER THEIR BELTS, AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PROOF THAT BEING IBCLC CERTIFIED IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF CARE. IN FACT, THERE ARE MORE THAN 800 LACTATION CONSULTANTS WITH A DIFFERENT PRIVATE CERTIFICATION AND LESS THAN 400 THAT HAVE THE PARTICULAR CERTIFICATE GEORGIA NOW REQUIRES. THIS CASE SERVES TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS, AND THE RIGHTS OF NON-IBCLC LACTATION CONSULTANTS ACROSS THE STATE, TO EARN A LIVING PROVIDING MOTHERS AND BABIES WITH THE CARE THEY NEED.

KIVIRIST, ET AL. V. WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ET AL.

THANKS TO AN IJ VICTORY IN OCTOBER, IT IS NOW LEGAL FOR WISCONSIN HOME-BAKERS TO SELL THEIR GOODS. PREVIOUSLY, IT WAS ILLEGAL TO SELL EVEN ONE BROWNIE WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A LICENSE AND SPENDING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO RENT OR BUILD A COMMERCIAL GRADE KITCHEN. FAILING TO COMPLY RISKED FINES OF UP TO \$1,000 OR SIX MONTHS IN JAIL. THESE REQUIREMENTS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH SAFETY, AND EVERYTHING TO DO WITH PROTECTING COMMERCIAL FOOD PRODUCERS FROM COMPETITION. IJ CLIENTS LISA KIVIRIST, KRISS MARION, DELA ENDS, AND ALL WISCONSIN HOME-BAKERS,

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CAN NOW MAKE AN HONEST LIVING DOING WHAT THEY LOVE.

LADD, ET AL. V. REAL ESTATE COMMISSION OF PA

SALLY LADD IS AN ENTREPRENEUR WHO MANAGED VARIOUS VACATION PROPERTIES IN PENNSYLVANIA'S POCONO MOUNTAINS. THOUGH SHE IS NOT A REAL ESTATE BROKER, SALLY RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE INFORMING HER THAT SHE WAS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF REAL ESTATE. TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE LEGALLY, SHE WOULD HAVE TO SPEND THREE YEARS WORKING FOR AN ESTABLISHED BROKER, PASS TWO EXAMS, AND SET UP HER OWN BRICK-AND-MORTAR OFFICE IN PENNSYLVANIA. FORCED TO SHUT DOWN HER BUSINESS, SALLY TEAMED UP WITH IJ IN JULY 2017 TO CHALLENGE THIS HEAVY-HANDED LICENSING SCHEME, AND VINDICATE THE RIGHTS OF VACATION-PROPERTY MANAGERS AND ENTREPRENEURS THROUGHOUT PENNSYLVANIA. IN JUNE 2018, THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH COURT DISMISSED THE LAWSUIT, BUT IJ AND SALLY WILL PRESS THE CASE FORWARD ON APPEAL.

NIANG V. CARROLL

UNTIL RECENTLY, THE STATE OF MISSOURI REQUIRED AFRICAN-STYLE HAIR BRAIDERS TO BECOME LICENSED COSMETOLOGISTS BY SPENDING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ON 1,500 HOURS OF IRRELEVANT TRAINING. IJ CHALLENGED THIS LAW IN COURT ON BEHALF OF JOBA NIANG AND TAMEKA STIGERS, TWO AFRICAN-STYLE HAIR BRAIDERS. IN JUNE 2018, LEGISLATION TO CREATE A NEW STAND-ALONE BRAIDING LICENSE WAS SIGNED INTO LAW, ALLOWING BRAIDERS TO BYPASS THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSE AND INSTEAD OBTAIN A LICENSE FOR BRAIDING BY WATCHING A HEALTH AND SAFETY VIDEO. THE CASE CONTINUES

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ON APPEAL.

OPTERNATIVE, INC. V. SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPTERNATIVE IS AN INNOVATIVE PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASS COMPANY THAT ALLOWS DOCTORS TO GIVE EYE EXAMS OVER THE INTERNET USING A PATIENT'S SMART PHONE. IT IS AN ACCURATE AND SAFE PROCESS THAT SAVES CONSUMERS TIME AND MONEY. IN 2016, THE STATE PASSED A LAW BANNING ONLINE EYE EXAMS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE BUSINESS INTERESTS OF EXISTING STOREFRONT BUSINESSES. OPTERNATIVE HAS TEAMED UP WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE TO FILE A CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S LAW, ASKING THE STATE'S COURTS TO STAND UP FOR INNOVATION AND MEDICAL AUTONOMY AND TO STAND AGAINST ECONOMIC PROTECTIONISM. IN JANUARY 2018, A TRIAL COURT JUDGE DISMISSED THE LAWSUIT, BUT IJ HAS APPEALED AND WILL CONTINUE THE FIGHT TO VINDICATE THE PRINCIPLE THAT STATES CANNOT USE PUBLIC POWER TO PROTECT PRIVATE BUSINESSES.

PATEL V. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

THIS VICTORY BEFORE THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT CREATED AN IMPORTANT LEGAL TEST FOR COURTS EVALUATING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ECONOMIC REGULATIONS. PREVIOUSLY, TEXAS REQUIRED IJ CLIENT ASH PATEL AND OTHER EYEBROW THREADERS TO SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND HUNDREDS OF HOURS ON COSMETOLOGY TRAINING, OF WHICH NOT ONE HOUR WAS ABOUT THREADING. THE LAW SERVED NO PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO PROTECT ESTABLISHED BUSINESSES FROM COMPETITION, SO THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE FOUGHT BACK, AND THE LAW WAS STRUCK DOWN IN JUNE 2015. IN FY18, IJ RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT AN ADDITIONAL \$3,784 IN FEES FOR THIS CASE.

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USHABEN CHUDASAMA, ET AL. V. LOUISIANA BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, ET AL.

IN A CASE SIMILAR TO PATEL'S IN TEXAS, IJ FILED A SUCCESSFUL LAWSUIT ON BEHALF OF THREADERS LATA JAGTIANI, USHABEN CHUDASMA, AND PANNA SHAH, CHALLENGING THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY'S REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN AN ESTHETICIAN'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE THREADING. THIS BURDENSOME PROCESS INVOLVES SPENDING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND COMPLETING 750 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION IN COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL, WHICH OFFERS NO TRAINING IN THREADING. IN MAY 2018, THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY ADOPTED AN AMENDED PERMIT SPECIFICALLY FOR EYEBROW THREADERS, WHICH THEY CAN OBTAIN AFTER PASSING AN EXAM ON PROPER SANITATION TECHNIQUES FOR THREADING. NOW, EYEBROW THREADERS ACROSS THE STATE NO LONGER HAVE TO JUMP THROUGH SEVERAL UNNECESSARY REGULATORY HOOPS TO MAKE A LIVING DOING WHAT THEY LOVE.

PIZZA DI JOEY, LLC V. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE

AS PART OF THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE'S NATIONAL STREET VENDING INITIATIVE, WE HAVE TEAMED UP WITH FOOD TRUCK VENDORS JOEY VANONI OF PIZZA DI JOEY AND NIKKI MCGOWAN OF MINDGRUB CAFE TO CHALLENGE BALTIMORE'S RESTRICTIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY VENDING LAWS. PREVIOUSLY, BALTIMORE LAW REQUIRED VENDORS TO PARK AT LEAST 300 FEET FROM ANY BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESS THAT PROVIDES A SIMILAR PRODUCT OR SERVICE. IN DECEMBER, A JUDGE RULED THAT THE 300-FOOT BAN IS TOO VAGUE, AND GAVE BALTIMORE 60 DAYS TO STOP ENFORCING IT. THOUGH BALTIMORE IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO FOOD TRUCK FREEDOM, THIS RULING DID NOT ANSWER THE BROADER QUESTION OF WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT CAN FINANCIALLY BENEFIT

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BRICK-AND-MORTAR BUSINESSES BY MAKING THEIR COMPETITION ILLEGAL. IJ
WILL CONTINUE THE FIGHT UNTIL THE ANSWER IS A RESOUNDING "NO."

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK V. CHRISTIE

IN JULY 2015, IJ FILED SUIT AGAINST THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON BEHALF
OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK AND TWO PARISHIONERS.
TOGETHER, THEY CHALLENGED A LAW THAT MAKES IT ILLEGAL FOR THE
ARCHDIOCESE TO SELL HEADSTONES DIRECTLY TO PARISHIONERS. THIS LAW WAS
STRATEGICALLY PUT IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE ESTABLISHED HEADSTONE-DEALER
INDUSTRY FROM COMPETITION. IN FEBRUARY 2018, A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT
JUDGE DEALT ECONOMIC LIBERTY IN NEW JERSEY A BLOW BY UPHOLDING THE
PROTECTIONIST LAW.

RUSSINKO, ET AL. V. NJ DEP'T OF HEALTH, ET AL

HOME BAKERS HEATHER RUSSINKO, LIZ CIBOTARIU, AND MARTHA RABELLO HAVE
TEAMED UP WITH IJ TO CONTEST THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S
REQUIREMENT TO BE LICENSED AS A "RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT" TO SELL
THEIR HOMEMADE GOODS. THIS ENTAILS USING A COMMERCIAL-GRADE KITCHEN
THAT IS SEPARATE FROM ONE'S PERSONAL HOME KITCHEN, PAYING FEES, AND
ABIDING BY HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF REGULATIONS. BANNING THE SALE OF
HOME-BAKED GOODS DIRECTLY TO CONSUMERS SERVES NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN TO
GIVE COMMERCIAL BAKERS UNDUE PROTECTION FROM COMPETITION. THE COURT
SERVED IJ AND THE HOME-BAKERS A FIRST-ROUND VICTORY IN APRIL, WHEN IT
DENIED THE NEW JERSEY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST TO DISMISS THE
LAWSUIT CHALLENGING THE STATE'S BAN. THE CASE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL HOME
BAKERS ARE ALLOWED TO SELL THEIR GOODS DIRECTLY TO CONSUMERS, WHETHER

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OUT OF THEIR HOMES, AT FARMERS' MARKETS, OR AT COMMUNITY EVENTS,
WITHOUT SECURING EITHER A BURDENSOME COMMERCIAL LICENSE OR A COMMERCIAL
KITCHEN.

SANCHEZ V. OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

IJ RECENTLY JOINED WITH ALTAGRACIA YLUMINADA "ILUMI" SANCHEZ TO FIGHT
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF
EDUCATION'S (OSSE) REGULATIONS REQUIRING MANY OF THE CITY'S DAY CARE
PROVIDERS TO GO TO COLLEGE OR LOSE THEIR JOBS. THESE DISASTROUS
REGULATIONS WILL HAVE CAREER-ENDING CONSEQUENCES FOR ILUMI, WHO RUNS A
DAY CARE IN HER HOME IN NORTHEAST D.C. AND HAS WORKED WITH CHILDREN FOR
OVER 20 YEARS SINCE COMING TO THE U.S. FROM HER NATIVE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC. TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REGULATIONS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR
A DEGREE IRRELEVANT TO CHILDCARE IS TOO MUCH OF A STRAIN ON ILUMI'S
TIME AND MONEY. A WIN IN THIS CASE WILL ENSURE THAT ILUMI AND HUNDREDS
OF D.C. DAY CARE PROVIDERS IN HOMES AND IN CENTERS MAY CONTINUE TO DO
WHAT THEY LOVE WITHOUT UNWARRANTED GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE.

SHAW, ET. AL. V. METRO. GOV'T OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

RECORDING ARTIST LIJ SHAW AND HAIRSTYLIST PAT RAYNOR ARE BOTH TEAMING
UP WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE TO CHALLENGE NASHVILLE'S BAN ON
BUSINESS OWNERS RECEIVING CLIENTS IN THEIR HOMES. THE LAW, WHICH THE
NASHVILLE METRO COUNCIL PASSED WITHOUT PUBLIC DEBATE OR ANY RECORD OF
ITS REASONING, IMPOSES STEEP FINES AND POTENTIAL IMPRISONMENT ON LOCAL
MUSICIANS, HAIR STYLISTS, INTERIOR DESIGNERS, AND OTHER ASPIRING
ENTREPRENEURS IF ANY CUSTOMERS PHYSICALLY COME TO THEIR HOMES TO DO

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BUSINESS. LIJ'S RECORDING STUDIO HAS LOST SIGNIFICANT REVENUE SINCE A CITY OFFICER ORDERED HIM TO STOP PUBLISHING HIS ADDRESS IN ADVERTISEMENTS. MEANWHILE, PAT HAS BEEN FORCED TO RENT A COSTLY COMMERCIAL STUDIO JUST TO KEEP HER HAIRSTYLING PRACTICE IN BUSINESS. A VICTORY IN COURT WILL EXPAND LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR THE RIGHT OF ALL TENNESSEANS TO EARN AN HONEST LIVING IN THEIR HOMES.

WHITE COTTAGE RED DOOR, LLC V. TOWN OF GIBRALTAR

LISA AND KEVIN HOWARD, ALONG WITH JESSICA AND CHRIS HADRABA, OPENED A FOOD TRUCK OUTSIDE THEIR FAMILY BUSINESS IN FISH CREEK, WI. DESPITE OBTAINING THE PROPER STATE AND COUNTY PERMITS FOR THEIR TRUCK, THE TOWN'S CONSTABLE TOLD THE QUARTET TO STOP VENDING AND HAD THE COUNTY REVOKE THE TRUCK'S ZONING PERMIT. WHEN THE COUNTY REFUSED, THE TOWN BOARD PASSED A TOTAL BAN ON VENDING GOODS FROM MOBILE VEHICLES, INCLUDING FOOD TRUCKS. AT THE ROOT OF THE BAN IS THE TOWN BOARD'S SCHEME TO PROTECT ESTABLISHED RESTAURANTS FROM HEALTHY COMPETITION. WITH IJ'S HELP, LISA, KEVIN, JESSICA, AND CHRIS ARE CHALLENGING THIS UNCONSTITUTIONAL VENDING BAN TO SAVE THEIR BUSINESS AND ESTABLISH THAT VENDORS' RIGHT TO EARN A LIVING DOES NOT DEPEND ON WHETHER THEIR BUSINESSES HAVE WHEELS OR NOT.

BUKVIK-BHAYANI V. MITCHELL

IJ SCORED A VICTORY FOR NORTH CAROLINA MAKEUP SCHOOLS IN MARCH WHEN THE STATE'S BOARD OF COSMETIC ART EXAMINERS AGREED TO ALLOW STAND-ALONE MAKEUP SCHOOLS TO OPERATE WITHOUT AN UNNECESSARY, GOVERNMENT ISSUED LICENSE. ASPIRING MAKEUP TEACHER JASNA BUKVIC-BHAYANI WORKED WITH THE

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INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE TO FILE A FIRST AMENDMENT LAWSUIT AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR REQUIRING THAT SHE SPEND HUNDREDS OF HOURS ON IRRELEVANT INSTRUCTION AND AT LEAST \$10,000 ON USELESS EQUIPMENT, SIMPLY TO TALK ABOUT MAKEUP. NOW, JASNA CAN OPEN THE MAKEUP SCHOOL OF HER DREAMS FREE FROM UNCONSTITUTIONAL OBSTRUCTION.

CASTILLO V. PHILIP

ON MAY 2, 2017, FLORIDA-BASED DIET COACH HEATHER KOKESCH DEL CASTILLO RECEIVED A \$754 FINE AND A CEASE-AND-DESIST LETTER DEMANDING SHE STOP PROVIDING DIETARY ADVICE. ACCORDING TO FLORIDA LAW, INDIVIDUALS OFFERING DIETARY ADVICE MUST EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NUTRITION OR AN EQUIVALENT FIELD, PRACTICE 900 SUPERVISED HOURS, PASS AN EXAM, AND PAY FEES UP TO \$290. FAILING TO COMPLY IS A FIRST-DEGREE MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY UP TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL. IN OCTOBER, HEATHER JOINED WITH IJ TO VINDICATE HER FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT AND TO SET PRECEDENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE A SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP A MONOPOLY OVER EVERYDAY SPEECH.

HOLLAND V. WILLIAMS

THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED COLORADO'S PERNICIOUS, SPEECH-SQUELCHING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REGULATIONS IN JUNE 2018, UPHOLDING THE RIGHT TO SPEAK OUT ABOUT POLITICS WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING SUED AND SILENCED. IN COLORADO, ANYONE COULD FILE A PRIVATE LAWSUIT ALLEGING A VIOLATION OF THE STATE'S CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS. AS A RESULT, COLORADO'S CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW WAS ROUTINELY USED TO FILE

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LAWSUITS, NOT OUT OF GENUINE INTEREST IN ENFORCING THE LAW, BUT TO HARASS OR INTIMIDATE POLITICAL OPPONENTS. TAMMY HOLLAND KNEW THIS ALL TOO WELL. PRIOR TO A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, SHE PLACED TWO ADS IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SUED BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. SHE WAS EVENTUALLY CLEARED OF ALL WRONGDOING AND THANKS TO IJ'S HELP, THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF COLORADO RECENTLY RULED THE REGULATIONS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, PAVING THE WAY FOR ENSURING THAT ALL COLORADANS MAY FREELY SPEAK THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT MATTER TO THEM.

JARLSTROM V. ALDRIDGE

IN 2013, OREGON RESIDENT MATS JARLSTROM'S WIFE RECEIVED A RED LIGHT CAMERA TICKET, SPARKING MATS' INTEREST IN HOW EXACTLY YELLOW LIGHTS ARE TIMED. MATS BEGAN WRITING AND SPEAKING ABOUT HOW LOCAL RED-LIGHT CAMERAS MISUSE THE STANDARD MATHEMATICAL FORMULA FOR THE TIMING OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS. LOCAL NEWS STATIONS COVERED HIS STORY, AND HE PRESENTED HIS RESEARCH AT A NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS. BUT OREGON'S ENGINEER-LICENSING BOARD WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT MATS' SPEECH AND FINED HIM \$500 FOR THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING. ACCORDING TO THE BOARD, ONLY LICENSED ENGINEERS ARE PERMITTED TO TALK ABOUT ENGINEERING IN OREGON. MATS JOINED WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE IN APRIL 2017 TO ASK THE COURTS TO PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF ALL OREGONIANS TO SPEAK FREELY, REGARDLESS OF THE TOPIC. IN DECEMBER, THE DISTRICT OF OREGON DENIED A REQUEST OF OREGON'S ENGINEERING-LICENSING BOARD TO DISMISS THE LAWSUIT, PUTTING MATS AND IJ ONE STEP CLOSER TO ENSURING VICTORY.

OCHEESEEE CREAMERY V. PUTNAM AND NEWTON

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IN A MAJOR VICTORY FOR FREE SPEECH, IJ WON THIS CASE BEFORE THE 11TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS FOR IJ CLIENT MARY LOU WESSELHOEFT, WHO OWNS THE OCHEESE CREAMERY. MARY LOU SIMPLY WANTED TO HONESTLY CALL HER CREAMERY'S PURE SKIM MILK "SKIM MILK," BUT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WOULDN'T ALLOW IT BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T PUT IN ANY ADDITIVES. ACCORDING TO THE STATE, MILK IS "SKIM MILK" ONLY IF IT HAS VITAMINS ADDED, AND BECAUSE MARY LOU'S PRODUCT IS PURE AND NATURAL, THE STATE WANTED HER TO CALL IT "IMITATION MILK PRODUCT." IN ITS DECISION, THE COURT UPHELD THE RIGHT TO PROVIDE TRUTHFUL INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS. IN FY18, THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED \$436,822 IN ATTORNEYS' FEES PLUS INTEREST.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CREAMERY, LLC V. U.S. FDA

HARNESSING THE MOMENTUM FROM MARY LOU'S VICTORY, IJ IS STRIVING TO HALT THE FDA'S ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE DICTIONARY AND CONTROL THE SPEECH OF ENTREPRENEURS LIKE RANDY SOWERS. THE OWNER OF MARYLAND'S SOUTH MOUNTAIN CREAMERY, RANDY IS PROUD OF HIS SKIM MILK AND WANTS TO USE CLEAR, ACCURATE LABELS EXPLAINING PRECISELY WHAT IS AND IS NOT IN EACH BOTTLE. BUT JUST LIKE THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DID FOR MARY LOU, THE FDA IS TRYING TO TELL RANDY THAT HIS PURE SKIM MILK CANNOT BE LABELED AS SUCH BECAUSE IT DOESN'T CONTAIN ANY ADDITIVES. THAT IS WHY IN APRIL 2018, RANDY AND SOUTH MOUNTAIN CREAMERY TEAMED UP WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE TO FILE A FEDERAL FIRST AMENDMENT LAWSUIT CHALLENGING THE FDA'S BAN ON LABELLING THEIR PRODUCTS HONESTLY.

PCHS V. GRAFILO

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IN CALIFORNIA, IJ IS DEFENDING BOB SMITH, OWNER OF THE PACIFIC COAST HORSESHOEING SCHOOL (PCHS), WHO TEAMED UP WITH IJ LAST OCTOBER TO FILE A FEDERAL LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE TO VINDICATE HIS FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO TEACH HORSESHOEING TO ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO LEARN. THE LAWSUIT CHALLENGES A RECENT CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRING THAT TRADE SCHOOLS LIKE BOB'S DENY ADMISSION TO ANY STUDENT WHO HAS NOT COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL OR A STATE-APPROVED EQUIVALENT. HE IS JOINED IN THE SUIT BY ESTEBAN NAREZ, A RANCH HAND WHO WANTS TO LEARN HOW TO SHOE HORSES BUT CANNOT BE ADMITTED BECAUSE HE NEVER GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL. NOT ONLY DOES THE LAW VIOLATE BOB'S AND ESTEBAN'S RIGHTS TO TEACH AND TO LEARN, IT PLACES AN UNTOWARD BURDEN ON THOSE WHO ARE AMONG SOCIETY'S MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISES V. CITY OF ST. LOUIS

FED UP WITH EMINENT DOMAIN ABUSE ACROSS MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS RESIDENT JIM ROOS DECIDED TO FIGHT BACK BY PAINTING A LARGE MURAL ON HIS BUILDING ADVOCATING FOR EMINENT DOMAIN REFORM. THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS INSISTED THAT JIM'S SIGN VIOLATED THE CITY'S SIGN CODE AND ORDERED HIM TO TAKE IT DOWN. TOGETHER WITH IJ, JIM ARGUED THAT IF THE FIRST AMENDMENT MEANS ANYTHING, IT MUST MEAN THAT CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO EFFECTIVELY PROTEST GOVERNMENT ABUSE AND BUILD SUPPORT FOR MEANINGFUL REFORM, WITHOUT HAVING TO GET GOVERNMENT APPROVAL. IN JULY 2011, THE 8TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS RULED IN FAVOR OF JIM AND HIS CLAIMS, PROVIDING STRONG FREE SPEECH PROTECTIONS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK OUT ON THE ISSUES THAT MATTER TO THEM. IN FY18, IJ RECEIVED \$147,300 IN FEES FOR THIS CASE.

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CITIZENS FOR STRONG SCHOOLS V. FLORIDA

IJ SECURED A DECISIVE VICTORY IN DECEMBER 2017 WHEN FLORIDA AFFIRMED THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF TWO OF ITS MOST POPULAR EDUCATIONAL CHOICE PROGRAMS: THE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND THE JOHN M. MCKAY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM. A GROUP OF CHOICE OPPONENTS HAD CHALLENGED THESE PROGRAMS, CLAIMING THAT THEY DIVERT MONEY FROM FLORIDA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IJ STOOD BEHIND SIX FAMILIES TO DEFEND THE PROGRAMS, AND THE JUDGE RULED THAT NEITHER PROGRAM DETRIMENTALLY AFFECTED FLORIDA'S PROVISION FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. BECAUSE OF THIS RULING, OVER 130,000 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE EDUCATION THAT BEST SUITS THEIR NEEDS. THE CASE CONTINUES AS THE OPPONENTS HAVE APPEALED TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT.

ESPINOZA V. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

THE BIG SKY STATE'S FIRST EDUCATIONAL CHOICE PROGRAM GIVES A MODEST TAX CREDIT TO INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES WHO DONATE TO PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS. THESE ORGANIZATIONS THEN ALLOCATE THE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY TO FAMILIES WHO WISH TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOLS OTHER THAN THEIR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL. THE MONTANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, HOWEVER, ATTEMPTED TO LIMIT THESE SCHOLARSHIPS TO NON-RELIGIOUS PRIVATE SCHOOLS. AS MOST OF THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE ARE RELIGIOUS, THIS RULE DENIES GENUINE CHOICE TO THE PARTICIPATING FAMILIES. THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE FILED SUIT ON BEHALF OF THREE MONTANA FAMILIES, SECURING A FIRST-ROUND TRIAL COURT WIN IN MAY 2017. THIS SPRING, IJ PRESENTED THE

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CASE TO THE MONTANA SUPREME COURT AND WE ARE CURRENTLY AWAITING ITS DECISION.

LARUE V. COLORADO BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEN SEVERAL OPPONENTS OF EDUCATIONAL CHOICE CHALLENGED DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO'S CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, IJ INTERVENED ON BEHALF OF FOUR FAMILIES. THE PROGRAM PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 500 STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT BEST FIT THEIR NEEDS. IN 2015, THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT RULED THE PROGRAM UNCONSTITUTIONAL, SO IJ APPEALED THE DECISION TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. IN JUNE 2017, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT GRANTED REVIEW, VACATED THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT'S DECISION, AND RETURNED THE CASE BACK TO THE COLORADO COURT. SUSPECTING THAT THE COURT WOULD RULE IN FAVOR OF THE PROGRAM, THE ANTI-CHOICE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REPEALED THE PROGRAM AND THEN ASKED THAT THE COURT DISMISS THE CASE, WHICH IT DID IN JANUARY 2018.

PUERTO RICO TEACHERS' ASSOC. V. DEP'T OF EDUCATION

PUERTO RICO IS THE LOCATION OF IJ'S LATEST CHOICE CASE, WHERE IJ IS WORKING WITH THREE FAMILIES TO DEFEND THE FREE SCHOOL SELECTION PROGRAM. IN AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM FACING A DEPRESSED ECONOMY, DECREASING POPULATION, DISMAL TEST SCORES, AND TWO RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS, INCREASED EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS PROVIDE A RAY OF HOPE FOR ISLANDERS. NOT LONG AFTER GOVERNOR RICARDO ROSSELL SIGNED THE LEGISLATION, HOWEVER, ONE OF THE ISLAND'S TEACHERS' UNIONS FILED A LAWSUIT CLAIMING THAT THE PROGRAM UNCONSTITUTIONALLY USES PUBLIC MONEY "FOR THE SUPPORT" OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS. THERE IS NOTHING

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UNCONSTITUTIONAL ABOUT HELPING FAMILIES, AND A WIN IN THIS CASE WILL CONTINUE IJ'S STRING OF VICTORIES FOR CHOICE BEFORE STATE SUPREME COURTS, NOW NUMBERING NINE, AND ENSURE THAT STUDENTS RECEIVE THE AID THEY NEED TO ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL.

FRIEND OF THE COURT BRIEFS

IN ADDITION TO LITIGATING THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED CASES, THE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE FILED AMICUS BRIEFS IN THE FOLLOWING CASES BETWEEN JULY 1, 2017 AND JUNE 30, 2018:

CARPENTER V. UNITED STATES

COMMONWEALTH V. IRLAND

COLLINS V. VIRGINIA

CTIA-THE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION V. CITY OF BERKELEY

GUNDY V. U.S.

HOLMES V. FEC

KMS RETAIL V. CITY OF ROWLETT

KNICK V. TOWNSHIP OF SCOTT

LOZMAN V. CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH

MARTINS BEACH V. SURFRIDER FOUNDATION

MASTERPIECE CAKESHOP, LTD. V. COLORADO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FAMILY AND LIFE ADVOCATES V. BECERRA

SLICE OF LIFE LLC V. HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

PORTER V. WISCONSIN

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Form **990-W**
(Worksheet)

**Estimated Tax on Unrelated Business Taxable
Income for Tax-Exempt Organizations**

OMB No. 1545-0976

(and on Investment Income for Private Foundations) FORM 990-T

2018

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/F990W for instructions and the latest information.
▶ Keep for your records. Do not send to the Internal Revenue Service.

1	Unrelated business taxable income expected in the tax year	1	
2	Tax on the amount on line 1. See instructions for tax computation	2	
3	Alternative minimum tax for trusts. See instructions	3	
4	Total. Add lines 2 and 3	4	
5	Estimated tax credits. See instructions	5	
6	Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	
7	Other taxes. See instructions	7	
8	Total. Add lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Credit for federal tax paid on fuels. See instructions	9	
10a	Subtract line 9 from line 8. Note: If less than \$500, the organization is not required to make estimated tax payments. Private foundations, see instructions	10a	
b	Enter the tax shown on the 2017 return. See instructions. Caution: If zero or the tax year was for less than 12 months, skip this line and enter the amount from line 10a on line 10c	10b	7,949.
c	2018 Estimated Tax. Enter the smaller of line 10a or line 10b. If the organization is required to skip line 10b, enter the amount from line 10a on line 10c	10c	7,960.
			ADJUSTED TO

		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
11	Installment due dates. See instructions	11		03/15/19	06/17/19
12	Required installments. Enter 25% of line 10c in columns (a) through (d). But see instructions if the organization uses the annualized income installment method, the adjusted seasonal installment method, or is a "large organization."	12		5,970.	1,990.
13	2017 Overpayment. See instructions	13		771.	
14	Payment due (Subtract line 13 from line 12)	14		5,199.	1,990.

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ESTIMATED TAX	7,960.
OVERPAYMENT APPLIED	771.
AMOUNT DUE	7,189.