

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending

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 MAINE EQUAL JUSTICE PARTNERS		D Employer identification number 04-3346273
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 207-626-7058
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 126 SEWALL STREET		
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code AUGUSTA ME 04330-6822		G Gross receipts \$ 1,406,519

F Name and address of principal officer: Tina H. Nadeau C/O 126 Sewall Street Augusta ME 04330	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)
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I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () t (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	H(c) Group exemption number U
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J Website: U www.mejp.org	L Year of formation: 1996	M State of legal domicile: ME
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K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other U
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Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Maine Equal Justice is a nonprofit legal aid provider working to increase economic security, opportunity, and equity for people in Maine.		
	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)	3	13
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	13
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a)	5	15
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	60
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 38	7b	1,850	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,876,038	1,219,619
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	958	802
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	41,085	98,296
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	7,863	-419
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,925,944	1,318,298
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	268,720	71,641
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	750,479	882,614
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	3,259	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) U	70,269	
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	479,157	396,067
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,501,615	1,350,322
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	424,329	-32,024	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,884,298	1,714,443
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	12,662	15,199
		1,871,636	1,699,244

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
	Michael Tarpinian (via efile) Treasurer	
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Al Aucella	Al Aucella	08/15/19		P00076293
	Firm's name } Al Aucella d/b/a The Bottom Line	Firm's EIN } 01-0462899			
	Firm's address } 69 Field Rd Falmouth, ME 04105-1101	Phone no. 207-781-3853			

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



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 No



If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No



If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 377,841 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 802)

Litigation & Other Advocacy: Represents clients (individuals below 200% of the federal poverty level) before administrative agencies, the state legislature and state & federal courts primarily to ensure that they are able to meet basic needs, including food, housing, utilities, health care, and to move out of poverty. MEJ handled more than 619 cases in 2018, including administrative and legislative matters as well as direct client services. These included 275 health care (primarily Medicaid related) cases, 241 cases concerning food assistance and income support programs, 5 cases concerning employment issues, 33 cases concerning housing and utility matters, 9 cases concerning consumer issues, and 37 cases involving education, employment, or family issues.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 383,984 including grants of \$ 30,500) (Revenue \$)

Health Care: In conjunction with the representation noted in 4a, performs legal research, public policy analysis, and develops strategies to improve access to health care for people with low-income at the state level. Specific state activities including providing education on the benefits of Medicaid, preserving and increasing Medicaid access, and promoting the value of good health through Medicaid availability for 267,000 Medicaid enrollees.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 154,625 including grants of \$ 12,500) (Revenue \$)

TANF and Parents as Scholars: In conjunction with the representation noted in 4a, performs legal research and public policy analysis, and develops strategies to improve Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Maine's public benefit program for low-income families with dependent children. Specific activities include sustaining benefits for more than 3943 families receiving TANF, including more than 7014 children, as well as improving administrative processes.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 232,313 including grants of \$ 28,641) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses u 1,148,763

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements for various schedules (A through H).

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

		Yes	No
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? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		

1a	14
1b	0

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

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 5 columns: Question, 1a, 13, Yes, No. Rows include questions about voting members, family relationships, management delegation, significant changes, asset diversion, and meeting documentation.

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

Table with 5 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about local chapters, written policies, conflict of interest, whistleblower, document retention, compensation review, and joint ventures.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed u None
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
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 u

Maine Equal Justice 126 Sewall Street Augusta

ME 04330-6822 207-626-7058

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 dotted 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) Tina H. Nadeau President	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Rachel Wertheimer Vice President	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Michael Tarpinian Treasurer	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) Lauren Wille Secretary	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Robyn Merrill Executive Director	40.00 0.00			X				90,589	0	16,103
(6) Lisa Black Member	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) Judith Chamberlain Member	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) Shanna Cox Member	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) Ben Grant Member	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) Lucky Hollander Member	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(11) Emily Howe Member	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0

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 dotted 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			
(12) Michel Kanyambo Member	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(13) Arnold McDonald Member	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
(14) Michael V. Saxl Member	0.50 0.00	X						0	0	0
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1b Sub-total								90,589		16,103
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								90,589		16,103

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 0

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		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

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 0

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	1a Federated campaigns	1a 6,032					
	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 1,213,587					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f:	\$ 15,906					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	u	1,219,619				
Program Service Revenue	2a Educational Services	Busn. Code 611430	802	802			
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	u	802				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	u	32,228			32,228	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	u					
	5 Royalties	u					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	7,100				
		(ii) Personal					
	b Less: rental exps.	7,519					
	c Rental inc. or (loss)	-419					
	d Net rental income or (loss)	u	-419			-419	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	131,200				
		(ii) Other	15,570				
	b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.	80,702					
	c Gain or (loss)	50,498	15,570				
	d Net gain or (loss)	u	66,068			66,068	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	u						
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less: direct expenses	b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	u						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
b Less: cost of goods sold	b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	u						
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	Busn. Code					
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	u					
12 Total revenue. See instructions.	u	1,318,298	802	0	97,877		

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	71,641	71,641		
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	106,691	58,680	26,673	21,338
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	669,867	583,536	60,861	25,470
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	13,292	11,460	1,329	503
9 Other employee benefits	33,380	28,483	2,996	1,901
10 Payroll taxes	59,384	49,444	6,532	3,408
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	9,970	8,204	1,191	575
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	134,189	130,628	2,293	1,268
12 Advertising and promotion	4,528	3,643	617	268
13 Office expenses	42,298	26,272	11,358	4,668
14 Information technology	96,251	79,146	11,536	5,569
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	32,003	26,353	3,825	1,825
17 Travel	7,470	6,835	110	525
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	23,321	21,123	390	1,808
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	13,231	13,231		
23 Insurance	9,711	8,611	744	356
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 Dues, Library, Subscripts	15,095	14,018	556	521
b Continuing Education	5,745	5,200	279	266
c Filing Fee Expense	1,190	1,190		
d Bar Fees & Lobby Fees	1,065	1,065		
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,350,322	1,148,763	131,290	70,269
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

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	6,317	1		
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	756,858	2	629,834	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4		
	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 instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9		
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 364,146			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 182,701	152,588	10c	181,445
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	968,535	11	903,164	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12		
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13		
	14 Intangible assets		14		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		1,884,298	16	1,714,443	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	12,662	17	15,199	
	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		25		
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		12,662	26	15,199
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	1,626,605	27	1,645,774	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	245,031	28	53,470	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29		
	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	1,871,636	33	1,699,244		
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,884,298	34	1,714,443		

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	1,318,298
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,350,322
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-32,024
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,871,636
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-140,368
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	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,699,244

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
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
2b	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	
2c	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
3b	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.		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2018

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

MAINE EQUAL JUSTICE PARTNERS

Employer identification number

04-3346273

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	837,925	1,727,880	780,060	1,876,038	1,219,619	6,441,522
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	837,925	1,727,880	780,060	1,876,038	1,219,619	6,441,522
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)						197,415
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						6,244,107

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	837,925	1,727,880	780,060	1,876,038	1,219,619	6,441,522
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	18,504	44,907	40,028	44,275	39,328	187,042
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on				669		669
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						6,629,233

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 15,441

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**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2018 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	94.19%
15 Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	95.47%

16a 33 1/3% support test—2018. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support test—2017. 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

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2018. 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

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017. 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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

2018

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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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

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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. (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) u \$
3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions)

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 u \$
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 u \$
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 u \$
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities u \$
3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b u \$
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. Rows 1-6 are empty.

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)	9,327													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	22,386													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	31,713													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	1,318,609													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	1,350,322													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	210,032													
<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)	52,508													
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) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	153,324	154,192	225,081	210,032	742,629
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					1,113,944
c Total lobbying expenditures	40,532	53,610	114,318	31,713	240,173
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	38,331	38,548	56,270	52,508	185,657
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					278,486
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	4,639	37,607	52,139	9,327	103,712

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.

Table with columns (a) Yes/No and (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation...; a Volunteers?; b Paid staff or management...; 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).

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

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."

Table with columns 1, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3, 4, 5. Rows include: 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members; 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; b Carryover from last year; c Total; 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues; 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?; 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions).

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.

Series of horizontal dotted lines for providing supplemental information.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u 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. u 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. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate values, and yes/no questions about donor advisement.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include purpose of easements, number of easements, and monitoring details.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include reporting requirements for art and historical treasures.

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:

- c** Beginning balance
- d** Additions during the year
- e** Distributions during the year
- f** Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
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					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment **u**
 - b** Permanent endowment **u**
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment **u**
- 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:

- (i)** unrelated organizations
- (ii)** related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

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		328,521	153,400	175,121
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		35,625	29,301	6,324
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) **u** **181,445**

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.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of security or category, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows include (1) Financial derivatives, (2) Closely-held equity interests, (3) Other (A-H), and Total.

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.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of investment, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows include (1) through (9) and Total.

Part IX Other Assets.

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description, (b) Book value. Rows include (1) through (9) and Total.

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description of liability, (b) Book value. Row 1 includes (1) Federal income taxes and rows (2) through (9). Total line is shaded.

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. [X]

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	1,178,236
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-140,368	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	7,519	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-132,849	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,311,085	
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	7,213	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	7,213	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,318,298	

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	1,350,628
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	7,519	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	7,519	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,343,109	
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	7,213	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	7,213	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,350,322	

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 - FIN 48 Footnote

The Organization is a non-profit organization exempt from income tax under U.S. Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3) and comparable state law and contributions to the Organization qualify as tax-deductible charitable contributions within the limitations prescribed by the Code. The Organization has been classified as a publicly supported organization that is not a private organization under Section 509(a)(2) of the Code. The Organization follows the recognition requirements for uncertain income tax positions as required by generally accepted accounting principles. Income tax benefits are recognized for income tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, only when it is determined that the income tax position will more-likely-than-not be sustained upon examination by taxing

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

authorities. It is the opinion of management that the Organization had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. The Organization is subject to examinations by tax authorities for three years following the filing of the return.

Part XI, Line 2d - Revenue Amounts Included as Audit, not 990, Revenues

Rent Exp 990 subtraction on Revenue pg \$ 7,519

Part XII, Line 2d - Expense Amounts Included as Audit, not 990, Expenses

Rent Exp moved to Rev pg, per Part XI above \$ 7,519

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**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.
u Attach to Form 990.
u Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Inspection**

Name of the organization

MAINE EQUAL JUSTICE PARTNERS

Employer identification number

04-3346273

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
(1)	Maine AFL-CIO 21 Gabriel Drive Augusta ME 04330	01-0113840	501c5	19,641				Advocacy
(2)	Maine People's Resource Center 565 Congress Street, #200 Portland ME 04101	01-0383493	501c4	15,500				Health Care Advocacy
(3)	University of Southern Maine 96 Falmouth Street Portland ME 04103	01-6000769		12,500				Technical Assistance
(4)								
(5)								
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table u **0**
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table u **3**

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

u Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

u Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Form 990 - Organization's Mission

Part III, Line 1. Maine Equal Justice is a nonprofit legal aid provider working to increase economic security, opportunity, and equity for people in Maine, through public policy advocacy, organizing, legal representation and impact litigation, and statewide education and training.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Accomplishments

ORGANIZING Program Service Expense: \$128,362, incl \$20,641 Grants

LOBBYING ACTIVITY Program Service Expense: \$31,713 incl \$ 0 Grants

FOOD/HUNGER Program Service Expense: \$47,551, incl \$8,000 Grants

HOUSING Program Service Expense: \$21,359, incl \$ 0 Grants

CONSUMER PROTECTION Program Service Expense: \$3,328, incl \$ 0 Grants

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

The entire Board does not receive a copy of this form before filing. Rather, the Form 990 is sent to all members of the Finance Committee for their review for approval to e-file. Once the 990 has been filed, the staff provides the Board with notice of the filing and emails an electronic copy to any interested Board member.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

The Conflict of Interest plicy is in the Bylaws. On an annual basis, each Board member, the Executive Director, and Key Employees fill out a Conflict of Interest and Disclosure form.

Name of the organization

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

The Board approves the Executive Director salary after consulting the Maine Association of Nonprofit annual salary survey and other factors.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

There are no paid Other Officers and Key Employees per the IRS definition.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

Upon request.

Form 990, Part X - Additional Information

Line 17 The Organization uses a modified cash basis of accounting--cash basis with the exceptions of showing accrued payroll taxes and related payroll liabilities, and an annual depreciation entry to update the Balance Sheet assets. The Accounts Payable figure includes payroll taxes and pension liabilities.

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

u Attach to Form 990.

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

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) Maine Equal Justice Project 126 Sewall Street Augusta ME 04330 01-0503454	Advocacy	ME	501c4		N/A		X
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate alloc.?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note: Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		X
1b		X
1c		X
1d		X
1e		X
1f		X
1g		X
1h		X
1i		X
1j		X
1k		X
1l		X
1m		X
1n		X
1o		X
1p		X
1q		X
1r		X
1s		X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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