Part I Summary

1. Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Legal Services - Clinical legal education. The Organization's mission is to provide free or low-cost legal services to those who cannot afford them.

2. Check this box 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

4. Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b): 4

5. Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a): 16

6. Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary): 35

7a. Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12: 2,958,064.

7b. Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39: 0.

Part II Revenue

8. Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h): 1,960,009.


10. Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d): 76,321.

11. Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e): 262,472.

12. Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25): 2,757,519.

Part II Expenses

13. Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3): 0.

14. Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4): 0.

15. Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10): 0.

16a. Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e): 2,197,296.

16b. Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25): 218,077.

17. Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e): 0.


Part II Net Assets or Fund Balances

20. Total assets (Part X, line 16): 1,759,650.


22. Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20: 1,685,599.

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.

Signature of officer: GRACE M. LOPES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date: 11/16/20

Preparer's signature: Pamela Gray

Preparer's EIN: 20-2153727

PTIN: 012373506

Phone no. (410) 584-0060
Part III  Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Briefly describe the organization’s mission:
Legal Services - Clinical legal education. The Organization's mission is to provide free or low-cost, high-quality legal assistance and representation to low-income Washington, D.C. residents who are unable to afford a lawyer and to train law students in lawyering and

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.

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.

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.

Legal Services - Clinical Legal Education: We provide legal advice, referral as well as limited and full legal representation and social work services to indigent and low-income District residents in multiple practice areas. The majority of the civil legal work we perform is in landlord-tenant and housing cases, including eviction defense, rent control and subsidized housing-related matters in the landlord-tenant court and before administrative tribunals. We also represent respondents in civil protection order matters pending in the domestic violence branch of our local trial court. For a short period during the fiscal year, we operated an immigration defense program. Our criminal program provided representation to adults in misdemeanor trial and appellate matters. Finally, we provide representation to clients in

Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

Total program service expenses ➤ 2,204,999.
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Part IV  Checklist of Required Schedules

1  Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)?

   If "Yes," complete Schedule A  
   

2  Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?

   X

3  Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

   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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III

   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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II

   X

8  Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

   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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV

   X

10  Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V

   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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI

      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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII

      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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII

      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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX

      X

   e  Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X

      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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X

      X

12a  Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII

   X

   a  Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?

      X

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

   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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV

      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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV

   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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV

   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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

   X

19  Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

   X

20a  Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H

   X

   b  If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?

   X

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 17? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II

   X
### Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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<td>23 Did the organization answer &quot;Yes&quot; 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? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule J</td>
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<td>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? If &quot;Yes,&quot; answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If &quot;No,&quot; go to line 25a</td>
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<td>b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?</td>
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<td>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?</td>
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<td>d Did the organization act as an &quot;on behalf of&quot; issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?</td>
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<td>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? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule L, Part I</td>
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<td>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? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule L, Part I</td>
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<td>26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule L, Part II</td>
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<td>27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule L, Part III</td>
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<td>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):</td>
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<td>a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule L, Part IV</td>
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<td>b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule L, Part IV</td>
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<td>c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule L, Part IV</td>
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<td>29 Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule M</td>
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<td>30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule M</td>
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<td>31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule N, Part I</td>
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<td>32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule N, Part II</td>
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<td>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? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule R, Part I</td>
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<td>34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</td>
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<td>35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?</td>
<td></td>
<td>X</td>
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<td>b If &quot;Yes&quot; 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)? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</td>
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<td>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</td>
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<td>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? If &quot;Yes,&quot; complete Schedule R, Part VI</td>
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<td>38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?</td>
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### 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

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<td>1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable</td>
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<td>b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable</td>
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<td>c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?</td>
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**Note:** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.
Part V | Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

2a. Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return: 35

   b. If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? X

      Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)

3a. Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year? X

   b. If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O

4a. At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? X

   b. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country


5a. Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the year? X

   b. Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? X

   c. If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?

6a. Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?

   b. If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?

7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).

   a. Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? X

   b. If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?

   c. Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?

   d. If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year

   e. Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

   f. Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

   g. If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?

   h. If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?

8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?

9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.

   a. Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?

   b. Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?

10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:

   a. Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12

   b. Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities

11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:

   a. Gross income from members or shareholders

   b. Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)

12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?

   b. If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year

13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.

   a. Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?

      Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.

   b. Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans

   c. Enter the amount of reserves on hand

14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? X

   b. If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O

15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than $1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?

   b. If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.

16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?

   a. If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.

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**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 on Schedule O. See instructions.

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

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### Section A. Governing Body and Management

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year

If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.

1b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent

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2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?

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3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?

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4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?

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5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization’s assets?

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6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?

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7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?

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7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?

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8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:

a The governing body?

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b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?

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9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization’s mailing address? Yes, provide the names and addresses on Schedule O

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### Section B. Policies

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

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10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

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10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches that ensure their operations are consistent with the organization’s exempt purposes?

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11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?

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11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.

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12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy?

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12b If "No," go to line 13

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12c Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?

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12d Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy?

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13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?

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14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?

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15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?

a The organization’s CEO, Executive Director, or top management official

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b Other officers or key employees of the organization

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16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?

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16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization’s exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

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### Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed

- VA
- MD

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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.

[ ] Own website  [ ] Another’s website  [ ] Upon request  [ ] Other (explain on Schedule O)

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19 Describe on 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.

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20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization’s books and records

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