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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2021

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Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2021, and ending 06-30-2022

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: Pacific Legal Foundation. Doing business as. Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 555 Capitol Mall Suite 1290. Room/suite. City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Sacramento, CA 958144605

D Employer identification number: 94-2197343. E Telephone number: (916) 419-7111. G Gross receipts \$ 50,974,858

F Name and address of principal officer: Steven D Anderson, 555 Capitol Mall Suite 1290, Sacramento, CA 958144605

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? No. H(b) Are all subordinates included? No. H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3)

J Website: https://pacificlegal.org/

K Form of organization: Corporation

L Year of formation: 1973. M State of legal domicile: CA

Part I Summary

Table with 4 main sections: Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balances. Includes rows for mission statement, membership, revenue, expenses, and asset balances.

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.

Sign Here: Signature of officer Steven D Anderson, President and CEO. Date: 2022-12-22

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**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:

Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) litigates nationwide to secure all Americans' inalienable rights to live responsibly and productively in their pursuit of happiness. See Schedule O for full mission

**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 \$ 16,672,215 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 126,573 )  
Each year, PLF represents hundreds of Americans, free of charge, who seek to improve their lives but are stymied by government. We give them their day in court to vindicate their rights and set a lasting precedent to protect everyone else. See Schedule O for a complete list of cases litigated during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)  
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses ▶ 16,672,215

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Question text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

		Yes	No
<b>22</b>	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> . . . . .		No
<b>23</b>	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> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>24a</b>	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> . . . . .		No
<b>24b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		
<b>24c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		
<b>24d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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> . . . . .		No
<b>25b</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>		No
<b>26</b>	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?		No
<b>27</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> . . . . .		No
<b>28</b>	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see the Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>28a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>28b</b>	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>28c</b>	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions?		No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
<b>32</b>	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> . . . . .		No
<b>33</b>	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3?	Yes	
<b>34</b>	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> . . . . .		No
<b>35a</b>	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
<b>35b</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> . . . . .		
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .		No
<b>37</b>	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> . . . . .		No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O. . . . .	Yes	

**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
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . .	Yes	

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

Table with 17 main rows (2a-17) and sub-rows (a-e). Columns include question text, a grid for 'Yes/No' answers, and a grid for numerical values. Row 2a includes a value of 116. Row 2b has 'Yes' in the first column. Row 7d has a value in the second column. Row 10a-10b, 11a-11b, 12a-12b, 13a-13c, 14a-14b, and 16 have values in the second column.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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



Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 1b Enter the number of voting members... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee... 3 Did the organization delegate control... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes... 5 Did the organization become aware... 6 Did the organization have members... 7a Did the organization have members... 7b Are any governance decisions... 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document... 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee... 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee...

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters... 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies... 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy... 11b Describe on Schedule O the process... 12a Did the organization have a written conflict... 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees... 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently... 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower... 14 Did the organization have a written document... 15 Did the process for determining compensation... 15a The organization's CEO... 15b Other officers or key employees... 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets... 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy...

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 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: Pacific Legal Foundation 555 Capitol Mall Suite 1290 Sacramento, CA 958144605 (916) 419-7111

**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 the 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, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or 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.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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) Brian G Cartwright Chair of the Board	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Robert D Connors Vice Chair	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Robert K Best Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(4) Ross Borba Jr Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(5) Amy Brigham Boulris Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(6) James L Cloud Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) Greg M Evans Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) Len Frank Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(9) David Gerson Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(10) John C Harris Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(11) George Kimball Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(12) Carol Platt Liebau Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(13) April J Morris Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(14) Jerry WP Schauffler Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(15) Bruce C Smith Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(16) Charles W Trainor Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(17) Ronald E Van Buskirk Trustee	1.00	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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) Jeffrey E Warren Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(19) John Yoo Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(20) Steven D Anderson President and CEO	37.50			X				514,301	0	57,438
(21) John M Groen Executive Vice President	37.50			X				312,324	0	30,613
(22) Larry G Salzman Secretary and Director of Litigation	37.50			X				235,497	0	30,414
(23) Charles E Wilcox IV Treasurer and CFO/COO	37.50			X				226,866	0	21,409
(24) Todd F Gaziano Chief of Legal Policy & Research	37.50					X		267,032	0	28,453
(25) Steve Simpson Senior Attorney	37.50					X		230,929	0	21,529
(26) James S Burling Vice President Legal Affairs	37.50					X		229,908	0	27,021
(27) Joshua P Thompson Director of Legal Operations	37.50					X		211,187	0	31,558
(28) Doug Kruse Senior Director of Development	37.50					X		207,907	0	9,835
<b>1b Sub-Total</b>										
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								2,435,951	0	258,270

**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 **▶ 4 4**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
<b>4</b> 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>	Yes	
<b>5</b> 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>		No

**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
Biz Niche LLC 16100 N Greenway-Hayden Loop Ste Scottsdale, AZ 85260	Website design services	189,440

**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 **▶ 1**

**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 Amt Similar Amounts				
<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .				
<b>d</b> Related organizations				
<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)				
<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above			26,374,951	
<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$			1,002,380	
<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .				26,374,951

Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
<b>2a</b> Court-awarded attorney fees		541100	126,573	126,573		
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b>						
<b>e</b>						
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue.						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f. . . . .			126,573			

Other Revenue	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,373,866			1,373,866	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .						
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>6b</b> Less: rental expenses					
		<b>6c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	22,988,413				
		(ii) Other					
		<b>7b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	22,729,317				
		<b>7c</b> Gain or (loss)	259,096				
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .		259,096				259,096
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .						
		<b>8b</b> Less: direct expenses					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .						
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .						
		<b>9b</b> Less: direct expenses					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
	<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .						
<b>10b</b> Less: cost of goods sold							
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .							
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
<b>11a</b> Other income	900099		111,055			111,055	
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .			111,055				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .			28,245,541	126,573	0	1,744,017	

**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
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,468,898	1,016,375	363,535	88,988
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	10,364,211	9,417,572	378,372	568,267
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	753,664	582,241	91,407	80,016
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	1,263,728	1,053,259	71,995	138,474
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	821,048	634,553	96,371	90,124
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal	8,970		8,970	
<b>c</b> Accounting	45,650		45,650	
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees	185,212		185,212	
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	1,283,676	1,129,364	79,667	74,645
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion				
<b>13</b> Office expenses	1,322,693	710,251	296,326	316,116
<b>14</b> Information technology	300,910	149,395	73,158	78,357
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	573,527	503,089	38,868	31,570
<b>17</b> Travel	1,150,541	887,641	193,036	69,864
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	4,500			4,500
<b>20</b> Interest				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	220,781	195,200	13,332	12,249
<b>23</b> Insurance	114,401	101,146	6,908	6,347
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> Library and research	162,909	159,361	3,498	50
<b>b</b> Registrations/Fees	158,355	132,768	24,726	861
<b>c</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b> All other expenses				
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	20,203,674	16,672,215	1,971,031	1,560,428
<b>26</b> <b>Joint costs.</b> 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 IX

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash-non-interest-bearing . . . . .	1,512,189	<b>1</b>	1,636,621
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments	129,995	<b>2</b>	3,058
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	1,241,271	<b>3</b>	3,178,685
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	37,513	<b>4</b>	0
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from 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		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	148,713	<b>9</b>	273,872
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b> 5,413,104		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b> 2,225,720	2,991,614	<b>10c</b> 3,187,384
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	65,533,111	<b>11</b>	60,368,115
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	3,765,773	<b>12</b>	4,601,792
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	4,431,962	<b>15</b>	3,526,652
<b>16 Total assets:</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .	79,792,141	<b>16</b>	76,776,179	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	1,161,206	<b>17</b>	1,217,732
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other 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		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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	3,267,934	<b>25</b>	3,641,959
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	4,429,140	<b>26</b>	4,859,691
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .	70,156,589	<b>27</b>	66,122,435
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions	5,206,412	<b>28</b>	5,794,053
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances	75,363,001	<b>32</b>	71,916,488
	<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	79,792,141	<b>33</b>	76,776,179

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	28,245,541
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	20,203,674
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	8,041,867
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	75,363,001
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	-10,314,168
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	-1,174,212
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>10</b>	71,916,488

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b>	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		No
<b>2b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
<b>2c</b>	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.	Yes	
<b>3a</b>	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?		No
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2021**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
 Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Name of the organization**  
Pacific Legal Foundation

**Employer identification number**  
94-2197343

**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).)
- 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 **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 on 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		
<b>Total</b>						

**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 failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	13,337,074	13,608,144	13,762,161	16,892,254	26,374,951	83,974,584
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	13,337,074	13,608,144	13,762,161	16,892,254	26,374,951	83,974,584
<b>5</b> 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) . . .						15,490,203
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						68,484,381

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4. . . . .	13,337,074	13,608,144	13,762,161	16,892,254	26,374,951	83,974,584
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	469,566	1,198,141	1,257,015	692,541	1,373,866	4,991,129
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . . . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						88,965,713

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . . **12** 2,212,630

**13 First 5 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 2021 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . . **14** 76.980 %

**15** Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . . **15** 69.110 %

**16a 33 1/3% support test—2021.** 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—2020.** 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—2021.** 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—2020.** 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 . . . . .

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 . . . . .						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b. .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6. . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b.						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .						
<b>14 First 5 years.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2021 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2021</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2020</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2021.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**b 33 1/3% support tests—2020.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
<b>2</b>	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
<b>4a</b>	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
<b>5a</b>	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
<b>b</b>	<b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c</b>	<b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b>	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>7</b>	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990) .		
<b>8</b>	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
<b>9a</b>	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</b>	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>c</b>	Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>10a</b>	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described on 11a above?		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI</i>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the officers, directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
<b>2</b> Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
<b>2</b> Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
<b>3</b> By reason of the relationship described in line 2 above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

**1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):

- a**  The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b**  The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c**  The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

**2** Activities Test. **Answer lines 2a and 2b below.**

	Yes	No
<b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		

**3** Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer lines 3a and 3b below.**

	Yes	No
<b>a</b> Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No", provide details in Part VI.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI. the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

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

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

**Section A - Adjusted Net Income**

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year  
(optional)

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

**Section B - Minimum Asset Amount**

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year  
(optional)

- |  |           |  |  |
|--|-----------|--|--|
| <b>1</b> Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | <b>1</b>  |  |  |
| <b>a</b> Average monthly value of securities   | <b>1a</b> |  |  |
| <b>b</b> Average monthly cash balances   | <b>1b</b> |  |  |
| <b>c</b> Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets  | <b>1c</b> |  |  |
| <b>d Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)  | <b>1d</b> |  |  |
| <b>e Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors ( <i>explain in detail in Part VI</i> ):   |           |  |  |
| <b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets  | <b>2</b>  |  |  |
| <b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d  | <b>3</b>  |  |  |
| <b>4</b> Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).                                  | <b>4</b>  |  |  |
| <b>5</b> Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)  | <b>5</b>  |  |  |
| <b>6</b> Multiply line 5 by 0.035  | <b>6</b>  |  |  |
| <b>7</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions  | <b>7</b>  |  |  |
| <b>8 Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)   | <b>8</b>  |  |  |

**Section C - Distributable Amount**

Current Year

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

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

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

(continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in <b>Part VI</b> )	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	<b>6</b>	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	<b>10</b>	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required-- explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021:			
<b>a</b> From 2016. . . . .			
<b>b</b> From 2017. . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2018. . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2019. . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2020. . . . .			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2021. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2022.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2017. . . . .			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2018. . . . .			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2019. . . . .			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2020. . . . .			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2021. . . . .			

**Part VI** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

### Facts And Circumstances Test

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**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**  
**For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**  
  
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of the organization Pacific Legal Foundation	<b>Employer identification number</b>  94-2197343
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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 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....  Yes  No
- 4a Was a correction made? .....  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

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

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

**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.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....	0													
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....	384,173													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....	384,173													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....	19,634,289													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....	20,018,462													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	1,000,000													
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....	250,000													
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0													
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0													
<b>j</b> 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.)

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	922,061	973,834	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,895,895
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					5,843,843
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	106,686	143,036	79,090	384,173	712,985
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	230,515	243,459	250,000	250,000	973,974
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,460,961
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					



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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.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization Pacific Legal Foundation

Employer identification number

94-2197343

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 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two yes/no questions about donor property and grant fund usage.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes questions about purpose(s) of easements, number of easements, acreage, monitoring expenses, and reporting requirements. Includes a table for 'Held at the End of the Year' with rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

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

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

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions about reporting requirements for art and historical treasures, and a table for reporting amounts.

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

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

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? . . . . .  **Yes**  **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance . . . . .             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year . . . . .     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year . . . . . | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance . . . . .                | <b>1f</b> |
- 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 in 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .	67,085,450	53,198,337	54,108,051	46,792,797	42,027,462
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .	4,482,861	1,411,631	3,037,510	8,222,507	8,519,491
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-8,705,901	14,233,204	1,073,612	3,960,108	57,304
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .	1,495,905	1,613,764	4,889,523	4,737,887	3,750,000
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .	162,462	143,958	131,313	129,474	61,460
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .	61,204,043	67,085,450	53,198,337	54,108,051	46,792,797

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 97.670 %
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶ 2.330 %
  - c** Term endowment ▶ 0 %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| <b>(i)</b> Unrelated organizations . . . . .   |     | No |
| <b>(ii)</b> Related organizations . . . . .  |     | No |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes" on 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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .		900,000		900,000
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .		2,600,000	686,111	1,913,889
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements		1,232,319	1,015,493	216,826
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		680,785	524,116	156,669
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				3,187,384

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives . . . . .		
(2) Closely-held equity interests . . . . .		
(3) Other _____		
(A) Real estate investment trusts	1,487,580	F
(B) Hedge funds	3,114,212	F
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	4,601,792	

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

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

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

**Part IX Other Assets.**

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

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

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	3,641,959

**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

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	16,865,594
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	-10,314,168	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	52,400	
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	-959,821	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	-11,221,589	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	28,087,183	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b> :			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	158,358	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	158,358	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	28,245,541	

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	20,312,107
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	52,400	
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	214,391	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	266,791	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	20,045,316	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	158,358	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	158,358	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	20,203,674	

**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.

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Part V, Line 4:	The Organization's endowments include both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments. Donor-restricted endowment funds that are perpetual in nature consist of one endowment fund to be invested in perpetuity with gains and losses. Interest and dividends are to be used for operating or other purposes as designated by the Board of Trustees. Board quasi-endowments have been designated to provide annual income that is predictable and reliable to assure the ability of the Organization to meet long-term professional obligations inherent in the nature of its litigation services.
Part X, Line 2:	Management evaluated the Organization's tax positions and has concluded that the Organization has taken no uncertain tax positions that require either recognition or disclosure in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.
Part XI, Line 2d - Other Adjustments:	Change in value of split-interest agreements -959,821.
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments:	Uncollectible pledges 214,391.

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**Compensation Information**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

- ▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
- ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel            | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account           | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

**b** If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
  - b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
  - c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
  - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
  - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

**8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

**9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		No
<b>4b</b>		No
<b>4c</b>		No
<b>5a</b>		No
<b>5b</b>		No
<b>6a</b>		No
<b>6b</b>		No
<b>7</b>		No
<b>8</b>		No
<b>9</b>		



**Part III Supplemental Information**

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

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# Noncash Contributions

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## Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art . . . . .				
2 Art—Historical treasures . . . . .				
3 Art—Fractional interests . . . . .				
4 Books and publications . . . . .				
5 Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
6 Cars and other vehicles . . . . .				
7 Boats and planes . . . . .				
8 Intellectual property . . . . .				
9 Securities—Publicly traded . . . . .	X	37	997,880	Fair Market Value
10 Securities—Closely held stock . . . . .				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous . . . . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures . . . . .				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other . . . . .				
15 Real estate—Residential . . . . .				
16 Real estate—Commercial . . . . .				
17 Real estate—Other . . . . .				
18 Collectibles . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .				
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
Other ( Food/Beverage . . . . .	X	1	4,500	Fair Market Value
25     ▶ ( _____ ) . . . . .				
26 Other ▶ ( _____ ) . . . . .				
27 Other ▶ ( _____ ) . . . . .				
28 Other ▶ ( _____ ) . . . . .				

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

		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>30a</b> During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?			No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.			
<b>31</b> Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?		Yes	
<b>32a</b> Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?			No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," describe in Part II.			
<b>33</b> If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.			

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

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**(Form 990)****Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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Form 990, Part III, Line 1, Description of Organization Mission:	Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) litigates nationwide to secure all Americans' inalienable rights to live responsibly and productively in their pursuit of happiness. PLF combines strategic and principled litigation, communication, and research to achieve landmark court victories enforcing the Constitution's guarantee of individual liberty.
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:	<p>PLF attorneys directly represented clients in the following cases furthering the Foundation's mission to protect and enhance individual liberty. The cases fall into three main categories: property rights; separation of powers; and equality and opportunity. In all cases, actions attributed to PLF were done by PLF attorneys properly admitted to each jurisdiction. Property Rights: A society cannot flourish and individuals cannot advance their private interests without individual rights to create and productively use property. PLF litigates to secure the right to the productive and ordinary use of land; prevent governments from taking property; fight unconstitutional or unlawful regulatory requirements; promote balance in environmental laws; and stop unreasonable searches and seizures. <i>Adamski (Pietro Family Investments, LP) v. California Coastal Commission (CCC)</i>. Chris Adamski and Mike Pietro bought four properties in the county, planning to develop two houses to sell, and build one house for each of them. The CCC refused permits for three of the lots because Adamski and Pietro couldn't prove with 100% certainty that their land contains no archeological resources. The CCC effectively banned basements in the area and illegally expanded their oversight of local building regulations. Because the CCC has neither the jurisdiction nor the right to create arbitrary new land use laws through permitting, PLF is suing on behalf of Adamski and Pietro in state court. The trial court denied relief, and PLF appealed. Because the case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Andrews v. City of Mentor, Ohio</i>. Charles Andrews owns 16 undeveloped acres of land in Mentor, Ohio. He sought a zoning change to a higher residential density zone to allow profitable development of the land. The City denied his request, making economically viable use of the land impractical. Andrews sued and lost in federal district court. PLF took over representation of Andrews to appeal to the Sixth Circuit, arguing that his property interests entitle him to allege an unconstitutional taking and violation of due process, and that the city's unfair treatment violates the Constitution's equal protection clause. The Sixth Circuit issued a favorable decision. The case is closed. PLF did not seek or recover fees. <i>Ariyan v. Sewerage &amp; Water Board of New Orleans</i>. The Ariyans secured a multi-million dollar just compensation award in state court but the government has delayed payment for several years. They sued, arguing that the Fifth Amendment entitles them to certain and timely just compensation. The courts denied them relief PLF took over the case and filed a petition for rehearing en banc in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which was denied. PLF will petition the Supreme Court, arguing that the Fifth Amendment Takings Clause is self-executing and a court ordered judgment is a secondary property interest that cannot be taken without just compensation. Because litigation is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Ballinger v. City of Oakland, California</i>. Representing Oakland homeowners, PLF filed a lawsuit challenging an ordinance requiring rental owners to make cash payments to tenants who must relocate when the owner wants to occupy the property. This is an unconstitutional taking under the Fifth Amendment that affects all homeowners who are currently renting units or considering doing so. The complaint was filed in federal court, then dismissed. PLF appealed to the Ninth Circuit, which issued an adverse decision. PLF filed a petition for writ of certiorari, which was denied. The case is closed. PLF did not seek or recover fees. <i>Benedetti v. County of Marin, California</i>. Before they may build a family home on the rural property they have owned for years, the Benedetti family-brothers Arron and Arthur who inherited the estate of their father, Willie-must first agree that they will be "actively and directly engaged in agriculture and must record a restrictive covenant that they and all future owners of the home will be farmers or ranchers forever. This requirement, part of a local land use plan, places an unconstitutional condition on the Benedetti's liberty and property rights. PLF sued on their behalf in state court. Because litigation is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees. <i>California v. EPA/South Carolina Coastal Conservation League v. EPA/Conservation Law Foundation v. EPA/Waterkeeper Alliance v. EPA</i>. PLF represents Mike and Chantell Sackett (see <i>Sackett v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i>, below) as proposed defendant-intervenors in multiple lawsuits challenging the Trump Administration's new definition of waters of the United States. PLF would argue that a nationwide injunction should not prevent implementation of the rule. After litigating whether the Sacketts would be allowed to intervene, the Supreme Court granted certiorari in the Sacketts' own case, eliminating their interest in these lower court cases. PLF voluntarily withdrew their motions. These cases are closed. PLF did not seek or recover fees. <i>Cedar Point Nursery v. Gould</i>. Representing a California nursery and packing company, PLF sued to challenge a regulation issued by the Agricultural Labor Relations Board that allows union organizers to access an employer's premises for the purpose of soliciting employees to join the union. PLF argues that this is an unconstitutional taking and further violates the Fourth Amendment's prohibition on unreasonable seizures. After losses in the trial court and the Ninth Circuit, PLF filed a petition for writ of certiorari, which was granted. Victory! The Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that the access regulation was a physical taking. The Court remanded to lower courts for further proceedings consistent with the ruling and awarded PLF \$300 in costs. On remand, the district court entered judgment in favor of Cedar Point. PLF settled for \$800,000 for total attorneys' fees and costs, which will be received in the next fiscal year. <i>El Papel v. City of Seattle</i>. PLF represents several Seattle landlords in a federal lawsuit challenging state and city rules that prohibit landlords from evicting tenants. The rules, adopted in response to the pandemic, violate landlords' rights to freely use and occupy their property. Governments shouldn't use overly broad emergency action to force landlords-or any businesses-to house non-paying or disruptive tenants against their will. There are other solutions that the government can leverage, such as rental assistance, that respect the rights of property owners while responding to the needs of tenants. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment. The magistrate recommended that PLF's motion be denied and PLF filed objections. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Fakreddine v. Sabree</i>. PLF represents Fadi Abi Fakhreddine and Old Joy Investment Co., Inc., in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, alleging that the government unconstitutionally took surplus equity when it foreclosed on two parcels of property and then gave them to the Detroit Land Bank. The land bank sold the properties for a substantial profit, all of which it kept. The former owners received nothing, losing all their invested equity without compensation. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees.</p>

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:	<p>Foss v. City of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Financially struggling senior citizen Deborah Foss used her life savings to buy a home. When she could not pay part of her 2016 tax debt, the city initiated a "tax taking," meaning the debt began accruing 16% annual interest, subsequent tax bills, and fees. The city sold its tax lien to a private investment company for \$9,626-the amount Deborah owed the city. The company immediately started the foreclosure process and the court foreclosed on the lien in September 2019, granting absolute title to the investor. The property's market value is \$241,600, and, by the time of foreclosure Deborah owed about \$30,000, including fees, interest, and penalties. State law allows the company both to take her home and to keep the equity of \$210,000. PLF sued on behalf of Deborah in state court. The cite removed the case to federal court. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Foster v. U.S. Department of Agriculture. Arlen and Cindy Foster are third-generation farmers in Miner County, South Dakota. They conserved their land, including planting a tree line to prevent erosion. In the winter, deep snow drifts pile in the tree belt and come spring, the melting snow collects in a farm field. A federal agency ruled that the resulting mud puddle is a federally protected wetland and forced the Fosters to choose between farming their property and maintaining eligibility for federal benefits such as crop insurance. PLF represents the Fosters in federal court to challenge the Natural Resources Conservation Service's refusal to review whether one of the Fosters' farm fields contains a federally regulated wetland. The parties conducted discovery and filed cross-motions for summary judgment. Because this case is pending it is premature to seek fees. Friends of the Crazy Mountains v. Erickson. Several activist groups sued the Forest Service and a private landowner in federal court, seeking to cancel a voluntary agreement to resolve conflict over public access to the Crazy Mountains across private property. The groups want the Forest Service to aggressively pursue claims of a possible easement across the landowners' property, even though the agency never formally established one. PLF represents private property owners M Hanging Lazy 3, LLC and Henry Guth, Inc. to argue that the process of formally establishing a public easement cannot be circumvented by suing an agency under the Administrative Procedures Act and an easement established by prescription is a taking requiring just compensation. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment and the court ruled in favor of the landowners' private property rights. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Garrett v. City of New Orleans, Louisiana. PLF represents homeowners in a federal takings/due process lawsuit against the City of New Orleans, which demolished their property without notice, hearing, or compensation. The federal district court dismissed their case on the grounds that the now-defunct Williamson County doctrine requires them to exhaust state remedies before bringing a federal case. PLF took over the case on appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which reversed and remanded for further proceedings in the district court by local counsel. PLF's role is concluded. PLF did not seek or recover fees. Hall v. Meisner. PLF represents several former Oakland County, Michigan, homeowners who lost their homes to tax foreclosure. Instead of selling the homes at auction, the City of Southfield took title to the properties by paying only the tax debt then gave the properties free of charge to a company-controlled by city officials-that took large windfalls at the expense of the former owners. The owners sued to recover the equity in their homes but the trial court dismissed their claims. PLF took over the case and appealed to the Sixth Circuit, arguing that the City and related companies violated the former owners' constitutional rights and the doctrine of unjust enrichment when they took valuable homes that were worth more than the encumbering property tax debts. Because this case is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees. Iten v. County of Los Angeles. PLF represents Howard Iten, a retired auto mechanic who depends on rental income from a single commercial property in Lawndale, California. His current tenant is an auto repair franchisee who refused to pay rent during the pandemic, even though his business remained open the entire time. Iten cannot evict him under Los Angeles County's commercial eviction moratorium, which allows tenants to avoid paying current or back-rent until a full year after the moratorium expires and need never pay interest or fees. The moratorium undermines the lease contract without accomplishing anything to curb the emergency that supposedly justified its enactment. PLF filed a federal lawsuit to assert Iten's rights under the federal Constitution's Contract Clause. The court dismissed the case and PLF appealed to the Ninth Circuit. Because this case is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees. Johnson v. City of East Orange, New Jersey. In 2014, Lynette Johnson purchased commercial property in East Orange, N.J. for \$55,000 and spent another \$16,000 for architectural plans and permits for renovations. Notices of her tax assessments and eventual tax lien and foreclosure were sent only to that property address, not to Johnson's residential address where she has lived (and paid taxes) for nearly thirty years. When the city foreclosed on the tax lien in 2018, she owed a little under \$20k. The city sold the property to a private investor for \$101,000 and kept all the proceeds. Representing Johnson, PLF filed a lawsuit in state court alleging that the city committed a taking requiring just compensation. Because this case is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees. Lent v. California Coastal Commission. PLF attorneys took over this case on appeal to challenge a \$4.2 million fine imposed by the California Coastal Commission for an alleged access violation. When government demands that private property owners provide public access across and on their land, the Constitution requires that the government pay for it. The California Court of Appeal issued an adverse decision and PLF filed a petition for rehearing. The court modified its opinion but denied rehearing, and subsequently denied PLF's petition for review in the California Supreme Court. PLF filed a petition for writ of certiorari, which was denied. The case is closed. PLF did not seek or recover fees. Medeiros v. Virginia Dept. of Wildlife Resources. James Medeiros's property is posted with "No Trespassing" signs yet has been overrun frequently by hunting dogs and their owners. PLF represents James and other property owners with posted land to challenge the Commonwealth's so-called "right to retrieve" law, which allows sportsmen to enter private property any time of day, any time of year, to retrieve their hunting dogs, without needing to obtain the landowner's consent. The lawsuit filed in state court argues that this law effects a per se physical taking in violation of the state and federal rights against uncompensated takings. The government demurred and PLF filed an opposition. Because this case is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees. Masucci v. Judy's Moody. Judy's Moody LLC is a holding company owned by Keith Dennis that holds title to his coastal home in Maine. For over 400 years, coastal property owners in Maine have held title to the intertidal zone (land between the mean high tide line and the low tide line). In 2021, activists unhappy with this settled law sued, seeking a judicial declaration that all intertidal zones on Maine's coastline are public property. PLF represents Judy's Moody to argue that the right to control access to private property is an essential property right and that changing hundreds of years of settled private property rights raises serious Takings Clause concerns. The court ruled in favor of Judy's Moody that private property owners, not the state, own the intertidal zone, but allowed one part of the activists' lawsuit to continue. PLF moved for reconsideration on the last issue and litigation continues on the scope of the public easement. Because this case is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees.</p>
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:	<p>New Mexico Cattle Growers Association v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2015, PLF submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service a petition to delist the Southwestern willow flycatcher as an endangered species because a scientific study showed that the flycatcher was not a separate subspecies. The Service denied the petition and refused to define the standards necessary for a population to qualify as a listable entity under the Endangered Species Act. This "we know when we see it" approach to taxonomy is arbitrary and capricious. PLF represents the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, whose members are heavily burdened by critical habitat designations, in a lawsuit challenging the flycatcher listing in the district court for the District of Columbia. The case is stayed pending rulemaking. Because this case is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees. Northern New Mexico Stockman's Association v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Challenging the Fish and Wildlife Service's designation of critical habitat for the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse, in violation of the Endangered Species Act and the</p>

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	<p>Appointments Clause of the Constitution. The designation is illegal because the Service failed to properly consider the economic impacts of the designation prior to adopting the final rule. The Service also failed to exclude any areas from the designation based on the subset of economic impacts that it did consider. PLF filed a complaint in federal court. The trial court ruled in favor of the government and PLF filed a motion to alter or amend the judgment. When this was denied, PLF appealed to the Tenth Circuit, briefed the case and orally argued. The court issued an adverse decision and PLF's petition for rehearing en banc was denied. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Pakdel v. City and County of San Francisco. A city ordinance requires anyone who converts a tenancy-in-common apartment interest into a condominium interest to give any existing non-owning tenant a right to a lifetime lease. On behalf of apartment owners Peyman Pakdel and Sima Chegini, PLF is challenging the law as an unconstitutional taking and a violation of privacy interests protected by substantive due process and the Fourth Amendment. After lower courts held the case wasn't ripe. PLF filed a petition for writ of certiorari. Victory! The Supreme Court granted the petition, reversed the Ninth Circuit, and remanded the case for further proceedings on the merits, specifically directing the lower courts to review the Pakdels' claims under the doctrine established in Cedar Point Nursery v. Hassid (see above). PLF was awarded \$300 in costs for the Supreme Court litigation, which will be received in the next fiscal year. Because litigation is ongoing on remand, it is premature to seek additional fees. Pavlock v. Indiana. The Pavlock family has owned property along Indiana's Lake Michigan shoreline for generations. Last year, a ruling by the Indiana Supreme Court redefined state law to move lakefront owners' property lines from the water's edge or below to the lake's ordinary high-water mark, turning large swaths of private beach into public property without compensation. That judicial decision took their property even though the Pavlocks were not parties to the 2018 case. Because a court, like the rest of the government, cannot take private property without paying for it, the Pavlocks are fighting back. Representing the Pavlocks, PLF filed a federal lawsuit filed to restore beachfront property rights. The trial court granted the state's motion to dismiss and PLF appealed to the Seventh Circuit, which issued an adverse decision. PLF will file a petition for writ of certiorari. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Perez v. Wayne County, Michigan. In 2012, Erica Perez and her father bought a property containing a four-unit apartment home and a dilapidated single-family home in Detroit for \$60,000. They spent three years fixing up the property for renters, with plans to move there themselves when her father retired. Though they paid property taxes each year, they unknowingly underpaid their 2014 taxes by \$144. By 2017, Wayne County tacked on another \$359 in interest, penalties, and fees, foreclosed on their property, sold it for \$108,000 and kept every cent. PLF sued in federal court, challenging the tax surplus forfeiture law an unconstitutional under the Takings and Excessive Fines Clauses. After the Michigan Supreme Court's favorable decision in Rafaeli v. Oakland County (see below), PLF moved for summary disposition. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Preserve Responsible Shoreline Management v. City of Bainbridge Island, Washington. PLF took over representation of Bainbridge Island homeowners to challenge the city's shoreline regulations as violating multiple statutory and constitutional provisions. The case was stayed pending resolution of a related case and when that case was decided adverse to the homeowners in 2017, the stay was lifted, and the parties briefed some preliminary procedural issues. After an adverse decision, PLF sought review in the Washington Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court, which was denied. The case returned to the trial court for litigation on the merits. PLF submitted briefs and orally argued the case. The trial court held in favor of the City and PLF appealed. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Rafaeli, LLC v. Oakland County, Michigan. After filing an amicus brief in the appellate court, PLF took over representation of Rafaeli, LLC, and Andre Ohanessian to ask the Michigan Supreme Court to review a lower court decision that permits counties to confiscate entire properties to satisfy tax debts without refunding any of the surplus proceeds of the sale to the former owner. This confiscation violates the federal and state constitutional provisions that prohibit the government from taking private property for public use without just compensation. The court unanimously ruled in favor of Rafaeli, eliminating the ability of the state to steal its citizens' home equity. The case is now proceeding as a class action in trial court, led by local counsel. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Ralston v. County of San Mateo. The case is a follow-on to PLF's win at the Supreme Court last term in Pakdel v. County of San Francisco (see above). Randy Ralston and Linda Mendiola own vacant property in a residentially-zoned area of San Mateo County. The county's Local Coastal Program flatly forbids any development on the property. Ralston sued in federal court alleging a taking without just compensation but the court dismissed it because he had not filed an application for a building permit and received the final decision whether it would allow the development (an inevitable refusal). PLF represents Ralston on appeal to the Ninth Circuit. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Riddick v. City of Malibu, California. PLF represents the Riddick family, which seeks to build an "Accessory Dwelling Unit" (ADU) for Mrs. Riddick's elderly and disabled mother. Despite the state law, the written support of the Riddicks' HOA and all surrounding neighbors, and \$40,000 spent on geologic surveys and other permit requirements, the Malibu Planning Commission denied their application for a coastal development permit and a reasonable disability accommodation. However, state law dealing with ADUs fully preempts local restrictions. PLF then filed a lawsuit demanding that the city and comply with state law and issue the permit. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency. In 2012, PLF won a Supreme Court case vindicating Mike and Chantell Sacketts' right to challenge the EPA's assertion of jurisdiction over alleged wetlands on their property. PLF continued to represent the Sacketts on remand and the trial court ultimately ruled that their property did contain wetlands under a test far removed from the text of the Clean Water Act. The Ninth Circuit affirmed. PLF filed a petition for writ of certiorari, which was granted to determine the test for whether "navigable waters of the United States" exist on private property. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Santa Barbara Channelkeeper v. State Water Resources Board. PLF took the case to defend the groundwater rights of Robin Bernhoft and other homeowners in Ojai, California, against litigation by the city of Ventura, 20 miles away, to take or curtail those rights without due process or just compensation. The lead PLF attorney on the case left the foundation and PLF concluded its representation. PLF did not seek or recover fees.</p>
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:	<p>Seider v. City of Malibu, California. Dennis and Leah Seider were confronted by trespassers constantly traversing their beachfront property along the California coast and then refusing to leave because the land is not marked as private property. When the Seiders sought to put up a sign, the city said it was not permitted. Represented by PLF, they filed a complaint in federal court, challenging the city's restriction on signs marking where public access ends and private property begins at their beachfront home. Americans do not need government permission to mark the boundaries of their private property and enforce their fundamental right to exclude trespassers. The court granted the city's motion to dismiss. PLF appealed, filed briefs, and orally argued. The Ninth Circuit issued an adverse decision and PLF plans to file a petition for rehearing en banc. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Shands v. City of Marathon, Florida. The City of Marathon took the Shands family's property in the Florida Keys and sought to avoid liability for just compensation by promising credits towards some possible building permit somewhere else in Monroe County at some indeterminate time in the future. Representing the Shands family, PLF sued in state court to establish that "transferable development rights" do not allow a government to avoid a finding of a taking, and, moreover, that they are not just compensation because "just compensation" equals financial compensation, not a chit to be traded for hard-to-define value. PLF represented the Shands at trial, which issued an adverse decision. PLF appealed and filed briefs. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Sheffield v. Bush. Charles Sheffield and Mery Porter own beachfront homes in Surfside Beach, Texas. In March 2021, without prior notice or compensation, the Texas General Land</p>

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	<p>Office moved the public beach boundary at Surfside Beach to 200 feet inland of the low tide. This expansion of the beach converts Charles and Merry's residential properties into public property, taking away their privacy rights and ability to use and repair their properties. PLF represents Charles and Merry in a federal lawsuit arguing that government cannot turn private land into a public park without just compensation or due process. After an adverse trial court decision, PLF appealed to the Fifth Circuit. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>State of California v. Bernhardt/Center for Biological Diversity v. Bernhardt/Animal Legal Defense Fund v. Bernhardt</i>. In 2019, the Department of Interior changed the way that it applies the Endangered Species Act by rescinding an illegal rule. The changes offered additional protections for property owner and incentivized property owners to assist in the recovery of species by loosening restrictions on the ways that they can productively use their property. Seventeen states and environmental groups sued to overturn the changes. Representing Ken Klemm, his company Beaver Creek Buffalo Co., and the Washington Cattlemen's Association, PLF successfully intervened in the lawsuits to maintain these protections for property owners. The CBD and ADLF cases were dismissed. The remaining cases are stayed while the agencies engage in further rulemaking. PLF opposed further motions to stay proceedings. The court agreed and lifted the stays. Litigation is ongoing. Because these cases are pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>State of Colorado v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i>. Representing PLF clients Mike and Chantell Sackett (see <i>Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency</i>, above), PLF intervened in a lawsuit brought by the state of Colorado to challenge EPA's navigable waters rule. The Sacketts seek to intervene to defend the portion of the rule that defines "adjacent wetlands." Under the challenged rule's definition of "adjacent wetlands," the Sacketts' Idaho property is excluded from agency authority under the Clean Water Act. Its lack of surface water connection to any other jurisdictional water and its separation from the closest surface water by an impermeable artificial barrier are features which preclude Clean Water Act jurisdiction under the new rule. This exclusion affects landowners across the United States. The Tenth Circuit ruled in favor of the landowners but did not reach the statutory or constitutional issues. The district court agreed with both parties to halt proceedings pending agency rulemaking and administratively closed the case. PLF did not seek or recover fees. <i>State of Hawaii v. Williams</i>. Don Williams purchased property in Maui in 1994 and then rented it to the State, relying on the income to provide for his family. The Hawaii's Harbors Division exercised its eminent domain power to take the property that the State was already leasing from Williams. Then the state improperly used the "undivided fee" rule when it appraised William's property at \$2.67 million and excluded information about the property's income-generating potential. As the result of two trial court rulings, Williams may owe the state more than \$1 million for the taking of his own property. PLF represents Williams in the Hawaii Court of Appeals. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Stavrianoudakis v. California Department of Fish and Wildlife</i>. PLF represents falcons and a falconry conservancy organization in a federal lawsuit to challenge state and federal rules requiring warrantless inspection of their homes (a Fourth Amendment violation) and prohibiting photography or filming of falcons for commercial purposes (a First Amendment violation). The lawsuit also challenges the promulgation of these rules by a sub-level bureaucrat as a violation of the Constitution's Appointments Clause. The court dismissed the Fourth Amendment claims but held that the First Amendment claims are likely to succeed and denied the state's motion to dismiss on that basis. The case is stayed pending possible settlement. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Tyler v. Hennepin County, Minnesota</i>. When crime moved into Geraldine Tyler's Minneapolis neighborhood in 2010, she hastily moved out, leaving behind her one-bedroom condo. While Geraldine and her family focused on her health and safety, unpaid property taxes and penalties piled up. By 2015, the tax debt total had grown to \$15,000. The county seized her condo and sold it the following year for \$40,000. Even though Geraldine owed only \$15,000, the county kept the surplus from the sale. PLF represents Geraldine, now 93 and in an assisted-living facility, in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, challenging this government-sanctioned home equity theft in Minnesota. The court issued an adverse decision and PLF filed a petition for rehearing en banc, which was denied. PLF will file a petition for writ of certiorari. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>United States v. LaPant</i>. PLF joined this litigation alongside LaPant's private counsel. Jack LaPant is an elderly property owner and farmer targeted by a Clean Water Act enforcement suit for allegedly illegal plowing. PLF argues that plowing farmland to grow wheat, using normal farming practices, without an Army Corps wetland permit does not violate the Clean Water Act, and, even if it is a technical violation, should not incur any significant penalty. The parties filed a Notice of Lodging Proposed Consent Decree and Settlement, the conditions of which are being fulfilled. PLF's role in the case concluded. PLF did not seek or recover fees.</p>
<p>Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:</p>	<p><i>Vondra v. City of Billings, Montana</i>. Billings passed an ordinance requiring all licensed massage therapy business owners, including home-practitioners, to agree to warrantless, unannounced searches and seizures as a condition of doing business. Refusal of even one such invasive search could result in fines, loss of license, or jail. Enforcement officers can open containers and cupboards, including employee and client lockers, to look for evidence that anyone broke any law or regulation, civil or criminal. This includes client records, which often contain sensitive medical and insurance information. PLF represents Theresa Vondra, a licensed massage therapist, in a federal lawsuit arguing that governments cannot pursue social goals like fighting crime through warrantless fishing expeditions at the expense of livelihoods and property rights. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Wall v. California Coastal Commission</i>. In 2018, the Wall family wanted to build a swimming pool next to their home on their property in Hollister Ranch, California. Like all landowners within the 14,500-acre, century-old working cattle ranch, the Walls needed a permit. Santa Barbara County approved the project; however, the California Coastal Commission denied the permit, asserting that the construction would violate public access rules even though the Walls' property is nearly a mile from the shoreline and no one has ever used their property to get to the coast. PLF filed a petition for writ of mandate and complaint in state court. The court held that approval of the Walls' permit should be conditioned on an in lieu public access fee. Because no fee is permissible, PLF appealed. The Court of Appeal affirmed and remanded to the Commission for a do-over. The Commission conditioned the pool permit on payment of \$5,000 as an "in-lieu" fee for public access and to allow Native American observers access to ensure excavation does not disturb any artifacts. PLF is considering further litigation and did not seek or recover fees for the state court litigation. <i>Wayside Church v. County of Van Buren</i>. In Michigan, when landowners fail to pay their property taxes, local governments take the property, sell it, and keep all the profits-no matter how small the debt or how valuable the property. As a result, local governments profit handsomely over the misfortune of their residents. For example, a few years ago, Wayside Church lost a piece of land worth a little over \$200,000. Even after deducting outstanding tax debts, interest, penalties, and fees, Van Buren County made \$189,250 in profit by foreclosing and auctioning the property. Having lost in the lower courts, PLF took over representation of Wayside Church and others who lost their homes and equity to file a petition for writ of certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court denied the petition. PLF successfully moved to reopen the case in the trial court and filed an amended class action complaint. The county filed an interlocutory appeal, which is pending in the Sixth Circuit. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Wilkins v. United States</i>. PLF represents Montana residents Larry Wilkins and Jane Stanton, both of whom own property adjacent to the Bitterroot National Forest. The government invaded their property interests by advertising a public access road across their land, resulting in trespassing, illegal hunting, and other injuries. They sued in a quiet title action to determine the scope of an easement held by the United States over their private land. This is a significant issue for all private property owners whose property abuts federal land. Rejecting favorable findings and recommendations by a magistrate, the trial court ordered dismissal</p>

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	<p>of the case on statute of limitations grounds. The court denied PLF's motion to alter or amend the judgment but also clarified its ruling for appeal. PLF appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, filed briefs and conducted oral argument. The court issued an adverse decision and denied PLF's petition for rehearing. PLF filed a petition for writ of certiorari, which was granted. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Yim v. City of Seattle</i>. PLF represents owners of several small rental properties to challenge the constitutionality of Seattle's "Fair Chance Housing Ordinance," which restricts a residential landlord from considering a tenant applicant's criminal history. PLF filed the complaint in Washington state court and Seattle removed it to federal court. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment. While these were pending, Seattle successfully moved to certify the question of what standard of review is appropriate to the Washington Supreme Court and the federal litigation was subsequently stayed. After the state court answered that question, the federal court granted the city's motion for summary judgment. PLF appealed to the Ninth Circuit. Because the case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Zito v. North Carolina Coastal Resource Commission</i>. When Michael and Cathy Zito's beach home burned to the ground, they wanted to rebuild it on the same footprint. The town and state refused to give permission to build anything at all because the home would be too close to the ocean to meet more recent setback requirements, even though neighboring homes sit just as close to the water. The Zitons can use their property only for tent camping, while the town enjoys their lot as public beachfront open space, free of charge. PLF filed a complaint in federal court, arguing that this violates the Fifth Amendment and the North Carolina Constitution's prohibitions on government takings of private property without just compensation. The case was dismissed on sovereign immunity grounds. The Fourth Circuit affirmed. PLF filed a petition for writ of certiorari, which was denied. The case is closed. PLF did not seek or recover fees.</p>
<p>Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:</p>	<p>Separation of Powers: The Constitution's structure is designed to protect liberty by limiting the scope of federal authority and establishing a separation of legislative, executive, and judicial powers. Other key provisions such as the Necessary and Proper Clause, the Commerce Clause, and express guarantees of due process ensure that those who govern us do not exceed their constitutionally limited authority when enacting and enforcing the law. PLF fights to end the modern administrative state, including limiting judicial deference to legislative and administrative judgments; restore separation of powers against improper delegation of authority to bureaucrats and accountability when those bureaucrats exceed their authority; defining the limited scope of federal power under the Commerce Clause; reviving the doctrine of enumerated powers; and ensuring due process of law. <i>Bikeyah v. Trump</i>. Representing landowners, hunters, outdoor sportsmen, and ranchers, PLF attorneys successfully moved to intervene in this case brought by environmentalists to challenge the President's authority to rescind or reduce previously designated national monuments and filed briefs in the case. The court administratively closed the case while the Department of the Interior reviews the designations; parties must file status reports monthly. Because this case is pending, it would be premature to seek fees. <i>Bradford v. Walsh</i>. Duke Bradford owns and operates opened Arkansas Valley Adventures, a Colorado company that offers outdoor experiences such as rafting trips. With atypical, seasonal workweeks, guides earn a flat fee per trip based on the federal minimum wage plus a fixed wage above that rate, and gratuities from customers. Because Colorado's rivers flow through federal land, rafting businesses obtain special use permits, for which they pay a fixed percentage of service fees. The U.S. Department of Labor ordered all federal contractors to pay a \$15-per-hour minimum wage, plus overtime and defines "contractors" to include 45,000 private firms that provide concessions or recreational services-like rafting outfitters-whose only ties to the federal government are special land use permits or licenses. Representing Bradford and the nonprofit Colorado River Outfitters Association, PLF filed a federal lawsuit challenging the order and sought a preliminary injunction. The court denied the preliminary injunction and PLF appealed. The Tenth Circuit reversed and enjoined the minimum wage order. Litigation continues in the trial court. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Chambless Enterprises, LLC v. Center for Disease Control (CDC)</i>. The CDC adopted a national eviction ban, overstepping its lawful authority by exercising legislative power reserved to Congress and at the expense of struggling landlords who depend on rental income to make ends meet. PLF represents the Apartment Association of Louisiana and Chambless Enterprises, which owns and manages 725 rental units, including 14 apartment complexes and several single-family homes, in the cities of Monroe, West Monroe, Lakeshore and Calhoun, Louisiana. After the trial court denied the request for preliminary injunction, PLF appealed to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and sought an injunction pending appeal, which the court granted. In light of the court's ruling in a related case striking down the eviction ban, the parties voluntarily agreed to dismiss the case after this victory. The case is closed. PLF settled for \$20,000 in fees. <i>Clementine Co. v. Cuomo</i>. PLF took over representation of a group of small-venue live-performance theaters (with fewer than 200 seats each) in New York City that sued in the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York to challenge unequal capacity restrictions imposed by Governor Andrew Cuomo's executive orders. PLF argued that executive orders that forbid theaters from opening at the same capacity as other venues that offer live performances-including restaurants, caterings halls, gyms, casinos, shopping malls, and churches-violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments. The district court dismissed the case as moot because the state lifted the restrictions. There was no appeal. PLF did not seek or recover fees. <i>Clementine Co. v. DeBlasio</i>. PLF represents small venue theatres and comedy clubs in Manhattan that seat fewer than 200 customers to challenge a law that forbids these venues from admitting customers without requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination. However, if the venues were to host a church service, the city requires no proof of vaccination. This differential and restrictive treatment violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments. The unequal mandate burdens and stigmatizes businesses that already are struggling to rebound from the city's lockdown policies. PLF sued in federal district court and sought a preliminary injunction. The preliminary injunction was denied. Litigation is ongoing. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Conservation Law Foundation v. EPA</i>. Several environmental groups sued the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to invalidate the Trump Administration's regulations redefining "navigable waters" under the Clean Water Act. PLF represents Mike and Chantell Sackett as defendant-intervenors to defend the portion of the new rule that removes their Idaho property from Clean Water Act regulation. In light of a ruling in a related case, the court remanded this case to the agencies to consider revisions to rule in light of the change in Administration and dismissed the case. The case will be closed. PLF did not seek or recover fees. <i>Conservation Law Foundation, et al., v. Biden, et al</i>. PLF represents a coalition of fishing trade associations as proposed defendant-intervenors to defend the President's proclamation lifting fishing restrictions within national monument. They are countering the interests of whale-watching groups that seek to eliminate all commercial fishing within a 5000 square mile area of ocean that commercial fisheries have historically relied upon. If they succeed, it will have a substantial negative effect on local economies that rely upon the fisheries. The trade associations' motion to intervene is pending. The case was stayed pending government action, and subsequently dismissed. The case is closed. PLF did not seek or recover fees.</p>
<p>Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:</p>	<p><i>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) v. Townstone Financial, Inc.</i> PLF represents Townstone Financial, Inc. and its CEO and principal shareholder, Barry Sturner, to defend against a federal lawsuit brought by the CFPB. The agency alleges that discussions on a Townstone-sponsored radio show and podcast concerning crime, policing, and real estate in economically depressed neighborhoods in Chicago had the effect of discouraging mortgage loan applicants based on race. The case includes statutory and First Amendment claims because CFPB radically expanded its authority beyond statutory bounds and in a way that threatens mortgage lenders' freedom of speech. As litigation is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Doe v. U.S. Dept.</i></p>

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	<p>of Justice. PLF represents John Doe and the Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws in a federal lawsuit to challenge a final rule issued by the U.S. Department of Justice imposing registration requirements under the Sex Offense Registration and Notification Act on those previously convicted of certain offenses. Doe's prior misdemeanor offense was expunged under California law, and he has no obligation to register as a sex offender under state law. In fact, it is impossible for him to do so. Nevertheless, the U.S. Attorney General asserts unlimited discretion to issue legislative rules, the authority to require Doe to register, and to presume Doe's guilt for a federal crime if he fails to do so. PLF filed a complaint in federal court and moved for a preliminary injunction. Because litigation is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) v. Credit Bureau Center, LLC/FTC v. Consumer Defense, LLC/FTC v. Elite IT Partners. After the Supreme Court ruled that the FTC cannot obtain disgorgement as a remedy under one provision its authorizing statute, the Commission moved to achieve the same remedy under a different provision (Section 19). Because Section 19 plainly does not permit such a remedy, PLF took over representation of defendants in the Seventh Circuit and district courts, solely to challenge the FTC's authority to impose disgorgement as a remedy for regulatory violations. Litigation is ongoing. Because these cases are pending, it is premature to seek fees. Fehily v. Biden. Commercial fishermen are regulated by the Endangered Species Act to protect marine life, the Magnuson Stevens Fisheries Act to safeguard against overfishing, and the Marine Sanctuaries Act, which allows multiple uses-including fishing-while comprehensively managing conservation of resources. But in October 2021, President Biden invoked the Antiquities Act to proclaim 5,000 square miles (3.2 million acres) of ocean as the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument. The proclamation ignores limitations in the Act. The submerged land is not on federal lands. "Ecosystems and "biodiversity" are not protected objects under the Act. And the proclamation bans commercial fishing within those waters, a legislative power never delegated by Congress to the president. PLF represents Pat Fehily and Tim Malley, a 50-year fishing veteran and vessel owner in a federal lawsuit challenging this violation of the Constitution's separation of powers and threat to the right of commercial fishermen to earn an honest living. As litigation is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees. Ghost Golf v. Newsom. At Ghost Golf in Fresno, the weeks leading up to Halloween mark the peak season for the haunted house-themed miniature golf center. California Governor Gavin Newsom's shut down the business during the pandemic, causing the owners to go more than six months without income while still facing rental obligations and other business expenses. Worse, Gov. Newsom implemented this complex, arbitrary scheme without legislative authority or an expiration date. PLF represents Ghost Golf and another California small business owner in a lawsuit filed in state court. The court denied a motion for preliminary injunction and PLF appealed. The appellate court affirmed. Proceedings on the merits continue in the trial court, where PLF defeated a motion to dismiss. As litigation is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees. Goodwood Brewing Company, LLC v. Beshear. Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear used his emergency powers to unilaterally enact COVID-19-related policies. When the legislature passed three bills to limit the governor's use of pandemic-related emergency orders, Gov. Beshear sued, claiming these new laws unconstitutionally interfere with his broad emergency authority. Meanwhile, representing Goodwood Brewing Company and other breweries and restaurants, PLF filed a lawsuit in state court challenging the governor's enforcement of COVID-related orders which expired under the new legislation as violating the separation of powers. PLF prevailed and obtained a temporary injunction. The governor appealed and the appellate court transferred the case to the Kentucky Supreme Court, where PLF presented oral argument. The decision was largely favorable and the court remanded for further proceedings. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Hanke v. Cardona. In the final months of the Trump administration, the president appointed several people, including Professors Steve Hanke and John Yoo, to serve on the National Board for Education Sciences (NBES)-a board that advises officials within the agency on research and funding priorities. But the U.S. Department of Education refused to deliver the appointees' signed commissions, which are proof of their valid appointments and refused to let the board meet. Unelected bureaucrats cannot keep rightfully appointed officials from meeting their obligations by ignoring their appointments. PLF represents Professors Hanke and Yoo in a federal lawsuit to end this bureaucratic gamesmanship and allow NBES directors to do their jobs. In response to the lawsuit, President Biden fired the professors and then, after their removal, delivered the commissions. These actions mooted the case. PLF voluntarily dismissed the lawsuit and did not seek or recover and fees. Hawkins v. Haaland. In 2013, the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Klamath Tribes entered into a protocol agreement in which the Bureau of Indian Affairs agreed not veto Tribal calls for the enforcement of state water rights held by the United States in trust for the Tribes. Since 2013, the Tribes have made yearly calls, the enforcement of which results in the near-total cut-off of irrigation for pasture in the Upper Klamath Basin of southern Oregon. PLF represents affected landowners in a challenge to the protocol agreement, arguing that the delegation of authority to the Tribes is an unlawful subdelegation of government authority from a federal agency to an Indian tribe and a "major federal action" requiring an environmental impact statement under federal law. The district court dismissed the case and PLF appealed to the D.C. Circuit, which affirmed. PLF filed a petition for rehearing and petition for writ of certiorari, both of which were denied. The case is closed. PLF did not seek or recover fees. Humbyrd v. Raimondo. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council proposed to permanently close an inlet's federal waters to commercial salmon fishing because the council deemed it too hard to coordinate management duties with the state. The council's members wield enormous federal authority yet are neither appointed as officers of the United States nor subject to appropriate oversight by the president or his officers. The Constitution forbids bureaucrats from exercising significant federal policymaking powers unless they are under the control of the president. On behalf of Wes Humbyrd and two other fishermen, PLF sued in federal court to restore their right to earn an honest living without interference by an illegally formed agency and its unlawful regulation. The case was consolidated with another, related case. PLF filed a motion for summary judgment, which was denied on standing grounds but the regulation was vacated in the companion case. Awaiting final judgment. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees.</p>
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:	<p>Murphy v. Raimondo. PLF represents Maureen Murphy and John Huddleston in a federal lawsuit challenging the Census Bureau's authority to compel individuals, under threat of criminal prosecution, to provide private information through two sampling surveys. PLF argues that the open-ended statutes authorizing the Census Bureau to collect information through the American Community Survey and American Housing Survey violate the nondelegation doctrine, invade the right to privacy, and compel speech in violation of the First Amendment. PLF also argues that the Bureau's interpretations of the statutes and regulations should receive to deference from the court. PLF moved to certify a class action. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Phillip B. v. Mike Faust, and Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS). A troubled teen housed at a group home accused Mr. B of abusing another teen because Mr. B. placed his hand on the teen's shoulder to calm him down. An administrative law judge, after trial, exonerated Mr. B., a group home manager for troubled teens, of the child-abuse charge after DCS failed to prove the elements of the charge. DCS, a single-director agency, appealed the judge's decision to its director. The director deleted the judge's factual and credibility findings, and rejected the judge's conclusions of law. As a result, Mr. B.'s name was placed on the child-abuse registry for 25 years. The state trial court deferred to the director's (as opposed to the judge's) findings of fact. PLF represents Mr. B. to challenge the administrative adjudication scheme under the Due Process Clauses of the state and federal constitutions, and the Separation-of-Powers Clause of the Arizona Constitution. The court issued a favorable decision and DCS appealed. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Skipper, et al. v. U.S.</p>

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	<p>Fish &amp; Wildlife Service, et al. The Skipper family owns forestland in Clarke County, Alabama. In 1956 they voluntarily established the Scotch Wildlife Management Area for the state's wildlife conservation efforts and outdoor recreation. In February 2020, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designated the Skipper family's land as critical habitat for the black pinesnake, thus reducing the land's value, triggering burdensome regulatory requirements, and penalizing them for their past conservation activities. The agency imposed these burdens based on one sighting of one snake over 25 years and sidestepped statutory cost-benefit requirements. On behalf of the Skipper family, Forest Landowners Association, and Goodloe family, PLF filed a federal lawsuit. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Skyworks, Ltd. v. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In September 2020 the CDC adopted an order that prohibits certain evictions for non-payment of rent. It did so without lawful authority by exercising legislative power reserved to Congress, and at the expense of landlords who depend on rental income to make ends meet. PLF represents Skyworks Ltd. along with other landlords and management companies, in a federal lawsuit challenging the CDC ban in order to prevent the same unlawful expansion of power by the federal government in the future. The trial court agreed with PLF that the eviction ban is unlawful. The CDC appealed, and PLF cross-appealed. Both parties then dismissed the appeals in a settlement in light of the Supreme Court ruling that the national eviction ban was unconstitutional. PLF did not seek or recover fees. The case is closed. Tibbitts v. California Coastal Commission (CCC). David Tibbitts and his wife live in a small home near the ocean. After David became wheelchair-bound, his family wanted to raze the house and build a new, accessible dwelling. The CCC prevented the demolition unless the Tibbitts tore down a protective seawall. Both the seawall and the existing home are legal as is, as they predate the California Coastal Act. The CCC refused to schedule a hearing on the matter for over two years. On the Tibbitts' behalf, PLF filed a petition to compel the Commission to hold a hearing, and to revive due process protections in administrative hearings. The petition was denied and PLF filed a new complaint alleging due process violations. This prompted action from the Commission, which finally approved the permit. The due process claims remain in litigation. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Twism Enterprises, LLC v. State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors. PLF represents Twism Enterprises, LLC in the Supreme Court of Ohio to challenge judicial deference to agency determinations. Twism Enterprises applied to the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers for a certificate to provide engineering services. A statute requires Twism to designate one or more "full-time partners, managers, members, officers, or directors" to be responsible for its professional-engineering services. Twism used an independent contractor as its engineering manager and the Board denied Twism's application on that basis. The Court of Appeals held that it was required to defer to the Board's interpretation. Such deference violates the separation of powers, which authorizes only the judiciary to say what the law is. PLF petitioned the Ohio Supreme Court to review the case. The petition was granted and PLF filed briefs on the merits. Because litigation is ongoing, it is premature to seek fees. Waldron v. Cooper. When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper unilaterally declared a state of emergency that only he is authorized to end. He issued a series of executive orders that shuttered most private bars (establishments which serve alcohol but not food), including Club 519. Represented by PLF, Club 519's owners, Crystal and Kenneth Waldron, sued in state court to challenge this arbitrary treatment of bars as unconstitutional under the state and federal constitutions. After a hearing where the judge seemed incline to grant PLF's request for a preliminary injunction, the governor reversed course and rescinded the order closing private bars. PLF voluntarily dismissed the case. PLF did not seek or recover fees.</p>
<p>Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:</p>	<p>Washington Cattlemen's Ass'n v. Environmental Protection Agency/Oregon Cattlemen's Ass'n v. Environmental Protection Agency/North Dakota v. Environmental Protection Agency/Pierce v. Environmental Protection Agency/ New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association v. EPA/Pasqua Yaqui Tribe v. EPA. The EPA issued an "internal guidance" document redefining jurisdictional waters under the Clean Water Act in violation of Administrative Procedure Act rule-making procedures and the U.S. Constitution. Representing cattlemen's associations whose members are adversely affected by the overly-expansive reach of the EPA's "Navigable Waters Rule," PLF filed complaints in Washington, Oregon, Minnesota (Pierce) and New Mexico, and intervened in existing litigation in North Dakota to overturn it. PLF successfully obtained a preliminary injunction in the Oregon case, which was then stayed pending agency action and the results of Pasqua Yaqui. The parties agreed to dismiss the Pierce case. The Washington and New Mexico cases is stayed. EPA issued a new rule on April 21, 2020. PLF filed supplemental complaints and a motion for preliminary injunction. Representing Mike and Chantell Sackett, PLF intervened in the Pasqua Yaqui case and filed a cross-motion of summary judgment. The Pasqua Yaqui court granted the parties' request for remand and the Sacketts' request to vacate the earlier decision. In all cases, PLF requested the federal government suspend its rulemaking pending resolution of Sackett v. EPA by the Supreme Court. Because litigation is ongoing in all these cases, it is premature to seek fees. Williams v. California Department of Fish &amp; Wildlife. PLF represents Christopher Williams to challenges the state's denial of his transfer application for fishing gillnets. State law allows permits to transfer to qualified fishermen, but agency's new interpretation of the law requires applicants to demonstrate skills that only permit holders can legally perform, violating the law's requirement that the agency has a nondiscretionary duty to transfer his permit. PLF filed a lawsuit in state court. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Wille v. Raimondo. PLF represents Hawaii residents involved in the local swim-with-dolphins industry as boat captains, dolphin guides, or therapists to challenge a rule issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that prohibits swimming with or approaching spinner dolphins. The rule will destroy an entire industry without regard for the value individuals receive from interacting with the playful animals. PLF filed a lawsuit in federal district court in Maryland, arguing that the rule violates the Appointments Clause because it was issued by a NMFS career civil servant who is neither nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, nor appointed by a head of department or other entity competent to appoint "inferior" officers. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees.</p>
<p>Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:</p>	<p>Equality and Opportunity: PLF launched a multi-front campaign to halt the reemergence of governmental discrimination based on race, sex, or group entitlement and to advance a positive vision of civil rights with individual liberty at its core, centered on a demand to remove legal barriers that separate people from opportunity. PLF's goal is to free individuals to rise based on their choices, character, and ability. We therefore demand removal of state-imposed barriers to opportunity, leading from the principles of equal protection and due process that guided the architects of the Fourteenth Amendment. While over racial barriers have largely been removed from our society, economic regulations continue to pervasively impede the pursuit of one's livelihood. This is especially true for those of lesser means. Economic liberty has been the most neglected basic civil right and PLF therefore finds it especially worthy of attention now. Abad v. Bonham/Burke v. Bonham. Several state and federal laws and regulations protect endangered species affected by commercial swordfish fishing. The government issued new rules, however, that threaten to destroy the freedom of responsible fisherman to earn a living. PLF represents commercial fishermen in two federal lawsuits challenging California's ban on the catch of swordfish by drift gill nets in federal waters pursuant to a federal permit, and the ban on landing and sale of such swordfish in the state as preempted by federal law under the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause. In Abad v. Bonham, the court denied the state defendants' motion to dismiss and PLF's motion for preliminary injunction. Litigation continues in both cases. Because the cases are pending, it is premature to seek fees. Association For Education Fairness v. Montgomery County Public Schools. PLF represents Association for Education Fairness, a group of mostly Asian-American parents whose children are shut out of the Montgomery County (Maryland) magnet school</p>

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	<p>program because of changing criteria designed to make the magnet schools reflect the County's racial demographics. PLF's federal lawsuit challenges the county's admissions policy as unconstitutional racial discrimination. Racial balancing is unconstitutional whether done through overt or covert means. School districts shouldn't consider race when determining who gets into the best schools. PLF defeated the school board's motion to dismiss and continues litigation on the merits. Because the case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>American Society of Journalists and Authors v. Bonta</i>. California passed a law forcing companies in the state to reclassify most independent contractors (freelancers) as employees. The law limited the amount of work freelance journalists and photographers could submit to publishers. Other professions, like marketing and graphic design, face no such restrictions on freelancing. Selective and unequal treatment among members of speaking professions violates the right to earn an honest living free from both irrational government interference and regulation based solely on the content of their speech. Representing associations of freelance journalists and photographers, PLF filed a federal lawsuit challenging AB 5's unlawful carveouts that restrict their members' professional speech and prevent them from making a living as freelancers. The government's motion to dismiss was granted and PLF appealed. The Ninth Circuit issued an adverse decision. PLF filed a petition for rehearing en banc and petition for writ of certiorari, both of which were denied. The case is closed. PLF did not seek or recover fees. <i>Art and Antique Dealers v. Seggos</i>. The federal Endangered Species Act allows for the sale of certain antiques containing ivory, as well as non-antiques containing a de minimis amount of ivory, in interstate and international commerce. New York State limits intrastate sales of items containing ivory to only antiques containing no more than 20% ivory. Although it cannot ban items authorized by federal law, New York has burdened the sale of ivory antiques by prohibiting their display in New York antique dealers' stores. Dealers may show photographs of the antiques to prospective interstate buyers who visit their stores, so long as they include a disclaimer that the item not for sale in New York." The dealers alleged a First Amendment right to display the actual items with that same disclaimer, but were rejected by a federal trial court. PLF represents two antique dealer trade associations on appeal to the Second Circuit. PLF filed briefs and conducted oral argument. Because this case is pending it is premature to seek fees. <i>Barilla v. City of Houston</i>. Tony Barilla is an accomplished accordionist who wishes to busk-that is, play in public for tips-in the streets of Houston. But Houston bans busking in most places and where it is allowed, performers must obtain a permit and permission from abutting property owners of the performance site, establishing a "heckler's veto" over the busker's speech. The First Amendment protects Tony's right to earn extra money while engaging in free expression. Representing Barilla, PLF sued in federal district court to vindicate his First Amendment rights and establish the principle that speech that is motivated by money is just as protected by the Constitution as any other kind of speech. The court granted the city's motion to dismiss. PLF appealed to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which agreed with PLF, reversed the district court and remanded for proceedings on the merits. PLF recovered \$561 in court costs for the appeal. Back in the trial court, both parties moved for summary judgment. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence v. School Committee of Boston</i>. PLF represents a group of students, parents, alumni, and future applicants to Boston's Exam Schools. The group's mission is to promote excellent and merit-based admissions while supporting diversity by improving the K-6 pipeline in Boston public schools. They sued in federal court to challenge Boston's decision to overhaul admissions to pursue racial balance by imposing quotas based on applicants' postal zip codes. The parent coalition lost in district court and PLF took over representation on appeal to the First Circuit and filed briefs to argue that it violates the constitution to manipulate admissions processes to obtain desired racial outcomes. Because this case is pending, is premature to seek fees. <i>Christa McAuliffe Intermediate School PTO, Inc. v. De Blasio</i>. PLF represents Asian-American families in a challenge to the New York City Department of Education's racially discriminatory decision to alter the admissions criteria to the City's specialized high schools. PLF filed a complaint and motion for preliminary injunction in federal district court. The preliminary injunction was denied. PLF appealed the denial to Second Circuit, which denied relief. PLF filed a petition for rehearing en banc, which was denied. Meanwhile, litigation continues in the district court. Because the case is pending, it is premature to seek fees.</p>
<p>Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:</p>	<p><i>Coalition for TJ v. Fairfax County School Board</i>. Virginia's Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, or TJ, is the nation's top-ranked public high school. Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) changed TJ's admissions process specifically to reduce the number of Asian-American children who can attend TJ. Represented by PLF in federal court, the Coalition for TJ, a group of over 5,000 parents, students, alumni, staff, and community members, challenges FCPS' race-based admissions scheme as a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. PLF defeated the county's motion to dismiss and moved for a preliminary injunction, which was denied. The court granted PLF's motion for summary judgment and ordered the school board to stop using race-based admissions. The school board appealed to the Fourth Circuit, which stayed the district court order. PLF asked the Supreme Court to lift the stay, which was denied with three dissenting justices. Litigation continues on the merits in the Fourth Circuit. Because the case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. <i>Collins v. Meyers</i>. PLF represents Steve Collins, who owns Resort Meeting Source, an event-planning business that suffered revenue losses stemming from the pandemic. Steve applied for a grant under Colorado's Disproportionately Impacted Business Grant program, which is meant to help small businesses like Resort Meeting Source. But he is less likely to obtain that relief because the program establishes a preference for minority-owned businesses, and he is white. Because Colorado cannot use racial preferences to grant COVID-19 relief, Steve and Resort Meeting Source are suing the state in federal district court to restore equal protection before the law and seeking to certify a class action. PLF filed a complaint and sought a temporary restraining order, which was granted. Collins subsequently received the full amount of the loan and the court dismissed the case. PLF did not seek or recover fees. <i>Connecticut Parents Union v. Russell-Tucker</i>. PLF represents a parent organization to challenge a state statute that requires all magnet schools in Connecticut to maintain a racial balance of at least 25% white students. In schools that do not meet this quota, minority students are turned away from empty seats. The state successfully moved to dismiss the case on the grounds that the parent organization lacked standing. PLF appealed to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, which affirmed. This case is concluded. PLF did not seek or recover fees. <i>Diemert v. City of Seattle</i>. Joshua Diemert worked for the City of Seattle for 8 years, receiving good reviews and awards. Recently, however, he has been subjected to racially-motivated harassment under the city's "Race and Social Justice Initiative" (RSJI) that is sufficiently severe and pervasive to create a racially-hostile work environment. PLF filed a complaint on behalf of Joshua with the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, arguing that the city violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act by requiring him to complete RSJI training, segregating staff meetings by race, offering and requiring race-based programming, promoting race-based affinity groups, and maintaining a commitment to making racial distinctions among City staff. Because this matter is pending, PLF is premature to seek fees. <i>Freedom Foundation v. Washington State Department of Ecology</i>. PLF represents a non-profit foundation that sought to engage in leafletting in the lobby of a building housing a state agency to inform public employees of their First Amendment right to refrain from subsidizing public employee unions. The agency previously permitted other organizations to engage in expressive activities on the premises and its selective, content-based refusal to allow the Freedom Foundation to do so violates the speakers' First Amendment rights. The federal district court issued an adverse decision and PLF appealed to the Ninth Circuit, which affirmed, and then denied PLF's petition for rehearing en banc. PLF filed a petition for writ of certiorari, which was denied. The case is closed. PLF did not seek or recover fees. <i>Hill v. Town of Kill Devil Hills, N.C.</i> PLF represents Ami Hill, owner of #Bus252, a mobile art gallery, and the Muse Markets, which</p>

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	<p>feature local artists and artisans selling their wares, in a lawsuit challenging a North Carolina town ordinance that requires itinerant vendors to donate 100% of their profits to charity in exchange for the right to sell during the summer tourism season. Alternatively, vendors can request a permit to operate from the Board of Commissioners, but they must undergo an arbitrary and unduly burdensome process each time they want to sell. The town also created a market to compete with Hill's Muse Market and the town-sponsored vendors can sell year-round and keep their profits. The town rejected #Bus252's application to participate in the town-sponsored market. PLF filed a lawsuit in state court because the town cannot condition an itinerant vendor's right to earn a living on surrendering profits or obtaining permission each time she wants to sell merchandise. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Kissel v. Seagull. Adam Kissel sought to help raise money for the nonprofit Jack Miller Center's liberty-based civic education program in Connecticut. State law requires Adam to disclose three weeks in advance when he plans to talk to a potential donor and what exactly he will say, and report to the government the name of all donors. If he diverges from the script, the state can levy a \$5,000 fine and sentence him to one year in prison. PLF represents Adam in a federal lawsuit challenging this law, which eliminates fundraisers' ability to engage in timely, topical, and spontaneous speech, as well as donors' ability to give anonymously. This violates the First Amendment's prohibition on prior restraint. PLF successfully obtained a preliminary injunction forbidding the state from enforcing the notice, script, and reporting provisions. The parties then settled, with the state agreeing not to enforce the unconstitutional laws and PLF recovering \$42,504 in costs and fees. Meland v. Padilla. In 2018, California enacted a woman quota law, requiring all publicly traded companies that are incorporated or headquartered in the state to have a certain number of women on their boards of directors. This law perpetuates the myth that women can't make it to the boardroom without government help and forces anyone selecting board members to consider them as members of a sex-based group, rather than as individuals. PLF's lawsuit on behalf of Creighton Meland challenges the state law as violating the Constitution's Equal Protection guarantee. The district court granted the state's motion to dismiss and PLF appealed. The Ninth Circuit reversed and remanded to the district court for consideration of the merits. PLF sought \$552.10 in costs and recovered \$47.10. On remand, PLF moved for a preliminary injunction, which was denied. PLF appealed to the Ninth Circuit and the case is stayed pending the result in related litigation. Litigation is ongoing, so it would be premature to seek fees.</p>
<p>Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:</p>	<p>National Center for Public Policy Research (NCPPr) v. Weber. PLF represents NCPPr, a nonprofit that advocates against radical shareholder activism and in favor of basic principles like selecting board members of the merits and not based on their race, in a challenge to California's Boardroom Race Quota law. After the court's adverse ruling on standing, PLF voluntarily dismissed the claims related to race and sexual orientation quotas and appealed the order as to the woman quota to the Ninth Circuit. PLF is presently opposing the government's motion to stay this case. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Newell-Davis &amp; Sivad Home and Community Services, LLC v. Phillips. After two decades of working with special needs children, Ursula Newell-Davis decided to launch a company to provide respite services to this vulnerable population. But the state's Facility Need Review process stopped her because she failed to prove her proposed business was "necessary" despite evidence showing an increase in crimes by juveniles, pleas by city officials for more early intervention efforts for juveniles, and studies showing that respite care can improve outcomes for both children and their families. PLF represents Ursula in a federal lawsuit to challenge these arbitrary government restrictions that serve no legitimate purpose. PLF defeated the government's motion to dismiss, engaged in discovery, and moved for summary judgment. The trial court ruled in favor of the government. PLF appealed to the Fifth Circuit and filed briefs. Because the case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Ng v. Board of Regents of University of Minnesota. PLF represents Evan Ng, a competitive gymnast since childhood. He chose to attend the University of Minnesota to compete on its century-old gymnastics team. His hopes were dashed when the university cut men's gymnastics after the 2020-21 school year under the mistaken belief that federal Title IX law requires the proportion of male athletes to match the proportion of males in the student body. Evan can no longer compete in his chosen sport and will lose out on valuable opportunities enjoyed by varsity athletes solely because the university believes it has too many men participating in sports. Because schools cannot make decisions that deny student-athletes' opportunities based on sex, PLF filed a complaint and sought a preliminary injunction in federal district court. The court denied the preliminary injunction and PLF appealed to the Eighth Circuit and filed briefs. Because the case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Ostrewich v. Scott. PLF represents Jillian Ostrewich, a Texas voter who went to her polling place wearing a firefighter union shirt. Election officials forced her to remove the shirt before being allowed to vote because the union supported an initiative measure on the ballot. In this follow-up case to PLF's Supreme Court victory in Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Mansky, PLF filed a complaint in federal district court arguing that a statute forbidding voters from wearing apparel related to any candidate, political party, or issue violates the First Amendment freedom of speech. After discovery, both parties moved for summary judgment, filed multiple briefs and presented oral argument. The district court struck down two of the electioneering statutes because they violate the First Amendment but upheld a narrower statute related to name badges. Both parties appealed and completed briefing in the Fifth Circuit. Because litigation is ongoing, it would be premature to seek fees. Pomeroy v. Utah State Bar. PLF directly represents Amy Pomeroy in the United States District Court for the District of Utah in the limited capacity of local counsel to the Goldwater Institute in their challenge to the Utah mandatory bar as violating the First Amendment rights of free speech and association. Because litigation is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Raak Law v. Gast. The Iowa Judicial Nominating Commission, which nominates judges to vacancies on the state's appellate courts, contains eight elected members-two in each of Iowa's four congressional districts. State law requires that each district be represented by one man and one woman and new commissioners can only replace one of the same sex. PLF represents one male and one female who are barred from running for commissioner solely because they would succeed commissioners of the opposite sex. PLF filed their case in federal court to argue that this sex-based quota violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Because litigation is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Roberts v. Basset. PLF represents Jonathan Roberts and Charles Vavruska in a federal lawsuit to challenge the New York Department of Health's protocols for making race a factor in the determination of who can access scarce COVID medications. Because Jonathan is 61 years old, fully vaccinated, and white, he is categorically ineligible to receive these COVID-19 treatments. Charles was hospitalized with COVID-19 in March 2020. As a fully vaccinated 55-year-old with one risk factor, he is eligible to receive COVID-19 treatments under New York's directives, yet, because he is white, he is only eligible to receive these COVID-19 treatments after individuals who belong to a preferred racial group. PLF argues that medical eligibility decisions should be made on race-neutral scientific factors and that the current protocol violates the Equal Protection Clause. The court dismissed the case on standing grounds. PLF appealed to the Second Circuit and filed briefs. Because litigation is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Shirley v. Town of Farmville, North Carolina. PLF represents entrepreneur and barbeque master Mark Shirley and his food truck, Ole Time Smokehouse. In April 2021, Farmville raised food truck permit fees from \$100 per year to \$75 per day, with trucks allowed to operate only two days per week. Farmville also requires food trucks to stay at least 100 feet from brick-and-mortar restaurants' property line. These new restrictions put the private downtown parking space Mark leased for the past two years too close to a nearby restaurant-which does not operate under a comparable rule-and would cost him \$7,800 annually in permit fees to operate twice a week. He therefore moved his truck just outside of Farmville. PLF filed a lawsuit on Mark's behalf in state court to vindicate his fundamental right to earn a living</p>

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	free of irrational government interference and to protect the rights of future entrepreneurs. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees.
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:	<p>The TeleDentists LLC and Christine Mohr v. Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Celeste Mohr began practicing teledentistry to pursue her livelihood while also staying at home to care for her two autistic children. She offers remote dental consultations via TheTeleDentists, a web-based platform that offers direct-to-consumer services. In 2020, the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners prohibited the use of teledentistry technology, crippling Dr. Mohr's practice. The ban serves no public health or safety purpose; instead, it protects traditional dental practices from emerging, competitive technologies. PLF represents Dr. Mohr and TheTeleDentists in a lawsuit filed in state court to challenge the ban as violating the right to earn an honest living free of irrational government interference. Subsequently, Gov. Greg Abbott signed a law formally authorizing the practice of teledentistry, preventing the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners from banning teledentistry, and bringing teledentistry in line with other telemedicine practices. The case was dismissed. PLF did not seek or recover fees. Total Real Estate Group v. Strode. An Oregon law bans real estate brokers from transmitting non-financial communications between home buyers and sellers, fearing that so-called "love letters" might be used to discriminate in housing transactions-but without any evidence of such discrimination. For Total Real Estate Group, a boutique real estate firm with offices in Bend and Portland, the ban on love letters harms their ability to match potential homebuyers with their dream homes. Representing Total Real Estate Group, PLF filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging Oregon's ban on "love letters" to restore the right to freely facilitate communication between homebuyers and sellers. The trial court agreed that the ban violates the First Amendment and enjoined the law. The Oregon Real Estate Commissioner agreed to notify all Realtors that the law was no longer valid and enforceable. This case is closed. PLF recovered \$64,069.15 in fees and costs. Truesdell v. Friedlander. Phillip Truesdell and his family launched Legacy Medical Transport, non-emergency ambulance company in Aberdeen, Ohio, in 2017. The business has grown from one to seven vehicles. Located close to the Kentucky border, the company often takes clients from Ohio to Kentucky. Kentucky law, however, prohibits Legacy from returning those clients to Ohio without first obtaining a Certificate of Need. Certificate of Need laws grant existing businesses a veto power over any new competition. PLF filed a complaint filed in federal court to vindicate the Truesdell's right to earn a living free of irrational government interference. Ruling on the state's motion to dismiss, the trial court held that the case could continue on one claim. PLF filed a filed an amended complaint and the state again moved to dismiss. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees. Weiss v. Perez. Dr. Elizabeth Weiss, a highly decorated, fully tenured professor of anthropology at San Jose State University (SJSU), specializes in osteology-the study of human skeletal remains. She is an expert on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and similar laws that require laboratories and museums to hand over certain Native American remains to the tribes for reburial. Dr. Weiss' scholarship criticizes these laws as stunting scientific research possibly unconstitutional. After she published a book in 2020, critics launched a campaign to label Prof. Weiss as anti-Indigenous and racist. SJSU joined the criticism, sponsoring a speaker series that called for shutting down views such as hers. The First Amendment protects Dr. Weiss' right to research, write about, and teach her views to her students. The university cannot silence her because it disagrees with her views. PLF represents Dr. Weiss in federal court, filing a complaint and a motion for preliminary injunction to defend her right to research, write, and teach differing perspectives, free of viewpoint discrimination and threats of retaliation. Because this case is pending, it is premature to seek fees.</p>
Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Cases litigated during the fiscal year:	<p>Wynn v. Vilsack/Morton v. Vilsack/McKinney v. Vilsack/Dunlap v. Vilsack/Tiegs v. Vilsack/Morton v. Vilsack. PLF represents individual farmers in federal court in a series of cases challenging a provision of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 that allows loan forgiveness of up to 120%, but only for minority farmers and ranchers, whom the law automatically treats as "socially disadvantaged," regardless of their individual circumstances. Because government cannot use racial classifications to decide who gets government benefits and burdens, PLF filed cases in federal district courts in Florida, Illinois, Texas, Oregon, and North Dakota and sought to enjoin the government's enforcement of the discriminatory statute. Wynn v. Vilsack: Scott Wynn is a lifelong farmer who has run Wynn Farms in Jennings, Florida, producing sweet potatoes, corn, and cattle since 2006. COVID-19, however, hit the family's finances hard. Steep drops in beef prices and too little help and supplies to grow sweet potatoes meant less income, nearly all of which went toward federal farm loan repayment. Wynn is not eligible for farm loan forgiveness under the American Rescue Plan because he is white and therefore deemed not "socially disadvantaged." The case is stayed pending resolution of a related case. Morton v. Vilsack: Matthew and Joshua Morton are brothers and full-time farmers in Kell, Illinois. They have federal farm loans with an outstanding balance. At first encouraged about a farm loan forgiveness provision in Congress' COVID-19 legislation, Matthew and Joshua were surprised to learn they're not eligible-because they're white. The court agreed with PLF that it should not stay the case pending resolution of a case in Texas and litigation continues with cross-motions for summary judgment. McKinney v. Vilsack: Jarrod McKinney began raising cattle in the Texarkana region eight years ago with help from a federal loan for beginning farmers. Like many farmers facing economic hardship in the pandemic's aftermath, Jarrod would apply for farm loan forgiveness but he is not eligible for the federal program-because he is white. The case is stayed pending resolution of a related case. Dunlap v. Vilsack: Katie and James Dunlap are farmers in Oregon who both work two jobs in addition to raising their toddler. The couple rent land from his parents where they raise cattle and hay-an endeavor that required two farm loans to buy cattle and equipment. Like many other farmers, the Dunlaps were negatively affected by COVID and were relieved when they heard about a farm loan forgiveness provision in Congress' COVID-19-driven American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. But they were ineligible for the program because they are both white. The Dunlaps are now fighting for equal treatment for all farmers in a federal lawsuit. Case stayed pending result in related litigation. Tiegs v. Vilsack: When the pandemic struck, much of the U.S. agriculture industry felt the financial crunch. Julie Owen, James Tiegs, Abraham and Cally Jergenson, and Chad Ward were initially encouraged when Congress passed a COVID-19 relief law that included a farm loan forgiveness provision for economic hardship. But they each discovered that they are ineligible for the program for a single reason: They are white. Now, they are fighting for equal treatment in a federal lawsuit. Case stayed pending result in related litigation. Miller v. Vilsack. Private counsel filed a class action lawsuit in a Texas federal district court challenging the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which contains racially discriminatory farm loan forgiveness provisions. Representing farmers and ranchers in various states who, with PLF counsel, also are challenging the Act, PLF moved to opt out of the certified class. Because these cases are pending, it is premature to seek fees. Amicus cases: PLF filed amicus briefs in the following cases, furthering the objectives described above. American Hospital Association v. Becerra (U.S. Supreme Court) Anderson Creek Partners, LP v. County of Harnett (North Carolina Supreme Court) Ariyan v. Sewerage &amp; Water Board of New Orleans (Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals) Arizona v. Department of Labor (District Court of Arizona) Axon Enterprises, Inc. v. Federal Trade Commission (U.S. Supreme Court) Becker v. Dane County (Wisconsin Supreme Court) Bennett v. AFSCME (U.S. Supreme Court) Cao v. PFP Dorsey Investments, LLC (Arizona Court of Appeals) Cargill v. Garland (Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals) City of Austin v. Reagan National Advertising of Austin (U.S. Supreme Court) Diaz-Rodriguez v. Garland (Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals) ex rel. U.S. Bank v. Summit County (Ohio Supreme Court) Fox v. Saginaw County, Michigan (Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals) Gordon v. Jordan School District (Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals) Gurrola v. Duncan (Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals) Haaland v. Brackeen (U.S. Supreme Court) Heights Apartments, LLC v. Walz (Eighth</p>

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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 4	The articles and bylaws were amended to allow not less than 12 voting members to comprise the governing board.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b	The tax preparer and PLF financial management provide the Form 990 to the Audit Committee, along with each trustee, giving them the opportunity to raise any concerns and/or ask questions prior to the filing date. A deadline is given to the trustees to insure a timely filing of the tax return.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	PLF bylaws provide that any self-dealing transaction must be approved by a majority of the board, with the interested trustee(s) excluded from voting. The board must also conduct reasonable investigation and determine it could not have obtained a more advantageous arrangement. The Governance and Nominating Committee is charged with annual review of trustees including securing any disclosure of potential conflicts of interest with a written form signed annually by each trustee. Employees are required by our conflicts of interest policy to disclose to the Director of Human Resources any actual or potential conflict of interest which are then resolved by the President.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	CEO compensation is reviewed annually by the Governance and Nominating Committee which makes recommendations to the full board to determine compensation. Job descriptions for the CEO and other key executives are evaluated against independent market sources and compensation data. PLF's independent board applies the "rebuttable presumption of reasonableness" procedures in its evaluation of the compensation arrangements of key employees.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	Copies are available on the organization's website or upon request.
Form 990, Part XI, line 9:	Uncollectible pledges -214,391. Change in value of split-interest agreements -959,821.
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c:	The Foundation's Audit Committee assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit of the consolidated financial statements and selection of an independent accountant. The process is consistent with previous years.

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**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2021**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
Pacific Legal Foundation

**Employer identification number**

94-2197343

**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
<b>(1)</b> PLF Building LLC 555 Capitol Mall Suite 1290 Sacramento, CA 958144605 47-1126088	Property holding	CA	0	2,823,799	Pacific Legal Foundation

**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

**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 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	

**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

**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
<b>1a</b>		
<b>1b</b>		
<b>1c</b>		
<b>1d</b>		
<b>1e</b>		
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**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



**Part VII Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

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