

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2015** and ending **JUN 30, 2016**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC. Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 40 WORTH STREET, SUITE 701 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code NEW YORK, NY 10013	D Employer identification number 32-0077563 E Telephone number (212) 364-5340
	F Name and address of principal officer: CANDICE CARNAGE SAME AS C ABOVE	G Gross receipts \$ 23,850,455. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: ▶ WWW.INNOCENCEPROJECT.ORG		
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 2003 M State of legal domicile: NY

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: DEDICATED TO EXONERATING THE WRONGFULLY CONVICTED AND REFORMING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 17 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 17 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a) 5 86 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 30 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7a 0. 7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 7b 0.																									
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Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer CANDICE CARNAGE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Type or print name and title	Date _____
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name STACY CULLEN	Preparer's signature _____
	Date 01/11/17	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN P00974308
	Firm's name ▶ TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP	Firm's EIN ▶ 23-1144520
	Firm's address ▶ 1818 MARKET STREET; SUITE 2400 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103	Phone no. 215.979.8800

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC. IS A NATIONAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO EXONERATING INNOCENT PEOPLE THROUGH DNA TESTING AND REFORMING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO PREVENT WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS. THE INNOCENCE PROJECT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1992 AS A LEGAL CLINIC AT

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 3,459,236. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) LEGAL SERVICES (NOTE INCLUDES LEGAL, INTAKE AND SOCIAL WORK): THE INNOCENCE PROJECT USES DNA TESTING TO EXONERATE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN WRONGFULLY CONVICTED OF CRIMES. A TEAM OF INTAKE SPECIALISTS REVIEW THE ROUGHLY 2,500 REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE WE RECEIVE EACH YEAR FROM INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING INNOCENCE AND DETERMINE WHETHER DNA TESTING MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVE INNOCENCE. ONCE WE DECIDE TO TAKE ON A CASE, OUR ATTORNEYS, AIDED BY CLINIC STUDENTS FROM CARDOZO LAW SCHOOL, SEARCH FOR REMAINING BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE AND THEN SEEK ACCESS TO POST CONVICTION TESTING THROUGH AGREEMENT OR IN THE COURTS. WHEN THE RESULTS PROVE OUR CLIENTS INNOCENT, WE SEEK THEIR IMMEDIATE RELEASE AND HELP THEM TRANSITION BACK INTO SOCIETY. IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 WE CONDUCTED TESTING FOR 43 CLIENTS AND SIX INDIVIDUALS WERE FULLY EXONERATED. IN EACH

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,241,013. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) POLICY: THE INNOCENCE PROJECT WORKS WITH CONGRESS, STATE LEGISLATURES, STATE COURTS, EXECUTIVE AGENCIES AND LOCAL LEADERS TO PASS LAWS, POLICIES AND RULES TO BOTH REVEAL AND PREVENT WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS. THE INNOCENCE PROJECT'S POLICY PRIORITIES REFLECT THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM DNA EXONERATIONS. OUR POLICY WORK ADDRESSES EACH OF THE CONTRIBUTORS TO WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS - EYEWITNESS MISIDENTIFICATION, UNVALIDATED AND IMPROPER FORENSIC SCIENCE, FALSE CONFESSIONS, INCENTIVIZED WITNESSES, GOVERNMENT MISCONDUCT AND INADEQUATE DEFENSE. IN ADDITION, THE INNOCENCE PROJECT PROMOTES LAWS THAT ENSURE ROBUST ACCESS TO POST CONVICTION DNA TESTING - AND THAT BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE IS PRESERVED FOR TESTING - AS WELL AS LEGAL MECHANISMS FOR THE INNOCENT TO ACHIEVE RELIEF BASED ON NEW, NON-DNA, EVIDENCE OF INNOCENCE. WE ALSO ADVOCATE

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 555,869. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) SCIENCE AND RESEARCH: THE DNA EXONERATIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT THE MISAPPLICATION OF FORENSIC TECHNIQUES CONTRIBUTES TO WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS. THE INNOCENCE PROJECT WORKS WITH CONTRACT LOBBYISTS TO URGE CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT RESEARCH TO VALIDATE FORENSIC SCIENCE DISCIPLINES AND TO SET STANDARDS FOR THEIR USAGE. IN THE FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, THE INNOCENCE PROJECT RESPONDED TO REQUESTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR COMMENTS ON NUMEROUS PROJECTS INCLUDING PROPOSED GUIDANCE FOR UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR TESTIMONY AND REPORTING, THE METHODOLOGY FOR CONDUCTING REVIEWS OF FORENSIC SCIENCE DISCIPLINES, AND A PROPOSED SENTINEL EVENTS RESEARCH PLAN.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 3,261,117. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 8,517,235.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	X	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?		
Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Input box for Schedule O check

Main table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), Yes/No checkboxes, and numerical inputs (e.g., 44, 0, 86).

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (17); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (17); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (X); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (X); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (X); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (X); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (X); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (X); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (X); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (X); b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (X); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (X).

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, branches, or affiliates? (X); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (X); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (X); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (X); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (X); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (X); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (X); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (X); b Other officers or key employees of the organization (X); If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).; 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (X); 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

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, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [X] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O)
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: CANDICE CARNAGE - (212) 364-5353 40 WORTH STREET, SUITE 701, NEW YORK, NY 10013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) RODNEY ELLIS BOARD MEMBER/CHAIR	6.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) STEPHEN SCHULTE BOARD MEMBER/VICE CHAIR	8.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) JACK TAYLOR BOARD MEMBER/TREASURER	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) GORDON DUGAN BOARD MEMBER/ASST. TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) EKOW YANKAH BOARD MEMBER/EXECUTIVE CMTE. MEMBER	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) MARVIN ANDERSON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) JASON FLOM BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) JOHN GRISHAM BOARD MEMBER	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) DR. ERIC S. LANDER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) VERED RABIA BOARD MEMBER	12.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) STEVEN REISS BOARD MEMBER	2.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) MATTHEW ROTHMAN BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) CHIEF DARREL STEPHENS BOARD MEMBER	1.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) DENISE FODERADO BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) ANDREW TANANBAUM BOARD MEMBER	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) JOHN KANEB BOARD MEMBER	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) JESSICA A. ROTH BOARD MEMBER	3.00	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 line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) MADELINE DELONE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY	40.00			X				200,044.	0.	27,969.
(19) CANDICE CARNAGE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	40.00			X				131,831.	0.	16,164.
(20) DAVID LOFTIS MANAGING ATTORNEY	40.00					X		148,520.	0.	20,176.
(21) AUDREY LEVITIN DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	40.00					X		148,692.	0.	25,922.
(22) CHRIS FABRICANT STRATEGIC LITIGATION DIRECTOR	40.00					X		125,104.	0.	25,918.
(23) MERYL SHWARTZ DEPUTY DIRECTOR	40.00					X		162,030.	0.	26,335.
(24) PAUL CATES COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	40.00					X		132,728.	0.	15,809.
1b Sub-total								1,048,949.	0.	158,293.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,048,949.	0.	158,293.

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 **7**

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
THE RABEN GROUP, 1640 RHODE ISLAND AVE, NW STE 600, WASHINGTON, DC 20036	LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING	122,730.

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 Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c	1,755,458.				
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	13,130,057.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		14,885,515.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a _____	Business Code					
	b _____						
	c _____						
	d _____						
	e _____						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		113,837.			113,837.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
		d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		8,455,384.					
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		8,456,262.			
		c Gain or (loss)		-878.			
	d Net gain or (loss)			-878.		-878.	
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 1,755,458. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	140,605.				
		b Less: direct expenses	b	366,414.			
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-225,809.		-225,809.
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
	b Less: direct expenses	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11 a NETWORK CONFERENCE FEES		900099	175,997.	175,997.			
b MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		900099	61,784.	61,784.			
c NETWORK DUES		900099	17,333.	17,333.			
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			255,114.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.			15,027,779.	255,114.	0.	-112,850.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	397,389.	307,635.	53,542.	36,212.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	4,974,225.	3,850,755.	670,199.	453,271.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	163,101.	126,264.	21,975.	14,862.
9 Other employee benefits	1,000,573.	774,585.	134,812.	91,176.
10 Payroll taxes	404,187.	312,898.	54,458.	36,831.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	5,843.	5,843.		
c Accounting	24,750.		24,750.	
d Lobbying	389,823.	389,823.		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	65,000.			65,000.
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	629,393.	474,740.	126,154.	28,499.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	439,492.	290,533.	31,600.	117,359.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	782,356.	607,326.	101,844.	73,186.
17 Travel	425,019.	399,228.	12,274.	13,517.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	271,882.	238,432.	22,396.	11,054.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	190,979.	148,253.	24,861.	17,865.
23 Insurance	66,271.	51,445.	8,627.	6,199.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a DNA AND FORENSIC TESTS	324,173.	324,173.		
b EXONERATION PROGRAM EXP	154,389.	154,389.		
c BANK AND FILING FEES	72,498.	8,464.	23,282.	40,752.
d RESEARCH AND PROGRAM MA	27,360.	25,470.	110.	1,780.
e All other expenses	71,737.	26,979.	21,825.	22,933.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	10,880,440.	8,517,235.	1,332,709.	1,030,496.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	1,876,999.	1	1,132,717.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,804,437.	2	4,711,819.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	6,618,993.	3	5,172,619.
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	6,306.	8	7,803.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	118,070.	9	222,147.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 2,427,961.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,637,577.	723,659.	10c 790,384.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	4,327,830.	11	9,816,734.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	257,288.	15	257,288.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	17,733,582.	16	22,111,511.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	696,882.	17	717,196.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	502,288.	25	504,274.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,199,170.	26	1,221,470.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	15,718,593.	27	19,243,374.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	815,819.	28	1,646,667.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	16,534,412.	33	20,890,041.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	17,733,582.	34	22,111,511.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	15,027,779.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	10,880,440.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	4,147,339.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	16,534,412.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	208,290.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	20,890,041.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
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		
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Form 990 (2015)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization **THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.** Employer identification number **32-0077563**

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 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An 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.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - 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 1-9 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		
Total						

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	8868412.	8799588.	10532633.	19247376.	14885515.	62333524.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	8868412.	8799588.	10532633.	19247376.	14885515.	62333524.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						6870097.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						55463427.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	8868412.	8799588.	10532633.	19247376.	14885515.	62333524.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	8,429.	1,827.	2,919.	3,822.	113,837.	130,834.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	26,339.	157,535.	243,436.	166,203.	255,114.	848,627.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						63312985.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	87.60 %
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	89.53 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 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) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2015. 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 - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No" describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c 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)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI 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.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, 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).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a 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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a 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)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? 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).		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

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 <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a 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? 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.	Yes	No
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? 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.		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a 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? Provide details in Part VI .		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		

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. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

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

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

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013			
e From 2014			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013			
d Excess from 2014			
e Excess from 2015			

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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.)

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

- ▶ Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
- ▶ Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.	Employer identification number 32-0077563
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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.
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours _____

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-.

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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	1,204.													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	560,260.													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	561,464.													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	10,318,975.													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	10,880,439.													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	694,022.													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 50%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	173,506.													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	625,380.	649,729.	650,406.	694,022.	2,619,537.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					3,929,306.
c Total lobbying expenditures	482,461.	442,229.	456,766.	561,464.	1,942,920.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	156,345.	162,432.	162,602.	173,506.	654,885.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					982,328.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	15,105.	11,021.	8,702.	1,204.	36,032.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

▶ **Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Name of the organization THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC. **Employer identification number** 32-0077563

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.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

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.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a Public exhibition
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	14,801,629.	3,082,449.	1,809,109.	1,809,109.	1,809,109.
b Contributions	3,267,077.	11,719,180.	1,273,340.		
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	18,068,706.	14,801,629.	3,082,449.	1,809,109.	1,809,109.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 100.00 %
- b Permanent endowment _____ %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment _____ %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations		X
(ii) related organizations		X
b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?		

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		716,470.	300,706.	415,764.
d Equipment		1,708,106.	1,336,871.	371,235.
e Other		3,385.		3,385.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				790,384.

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)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) DEFERRED RENT CREDIT	504,274.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	504,274.

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.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	30,443,966.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	208,290.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	15,207,897.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	15,416,187.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	15,027,779.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	15,027,779.

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	26,088,337.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	15,207,897.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	15,207,897.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	10,880,440.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	10,880,440.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

PART V, LINE 4:

BOARD-DESIGNATED NET ASSETS ARE RESTRICTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CASH RESERVE PURPOSES. INCOME EARNED ON THESE FUNDS IS UNRESTRICTED.

TRANSFERS FROM THIS FUND ARE PART OF A BOARD-APPROVED FUNDING PLAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION. BOARD-DESIGNATED CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE INCLUDE FUNDS

DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD TO ENSURE THE ONGOING FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE

INNOCENCE PROJECT AND TO ALLOW THE ORGANIZATION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW

AND UNANTICIPATED OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY ARISE. INCOME EARNED ON THESE

FUNDS IS UNRESTRICTED AND BOARD APPROVAL IS NECESSARY FOR ANY FUNDS

WITHDRAWN.

PART X, LINE 2:

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

MANAGEMENT HAS REVIEWED THE TAX POSITIONS FOR EACH OF THE OPEN TAX YEARS (2013-2015) OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN THE ORGANIZATION'S 2016 TAX RETURN AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE RECOGNITION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))	
		GALA	YOUNG PROFESSIONAL	NONE		
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)		
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	1,748,607.	147,456.		1,896,063.
	2	Less: Contributions	1,608,002.	147,456.		1,755,458.
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	140,605.			140,605.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs	199,760.	31,100.		230,860.
	7	Food and beverages				
	8	Entertainment				
	9	Other direct expenses	125,001.	10,553.		135,554.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				366,414.
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-225,809.	

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Noncash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)			
	8	Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)			

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____
 a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No
 b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No
 b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility		13a	%
b An outside facility		13b	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

Employer identification number
32-0077563

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 indemnification 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, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in 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 type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input 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 section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

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

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" to 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 non-fixed payments not described on 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" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b		
2		
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2015

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) MADELINE DELONE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY	(i)	200,044.	0.	0.	8,078.	19,891.	228,013.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) DAVID LOFTIS MANAGING ATTORNEY	(i)	148,520.	0.	0.	6,011.	14,165.	168,696.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(3) AUDREY LEVITIN DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT	(i)	148,692.	0.	0.	6,031.	19,891.	174,614.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(4) CHRIS FABRICANT STRATEGIC LITIGATION DIRECTOR	(i)	125,104.	0.	0.	5,471.	20,447.	151,022.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(5) MERYL SHWARTZ DEPUTY DIRECTOR	(i)	162,030.	0.	0.	6,523.	19,812.	188,365.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

Employer identification number

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY AND INCORPORATED AS ITS OWN
501(C)3 ORGANIZATION IN 2004. THE INNOCENCE PROJECT MAINTAINS A STRONG
PARTNERSHIP WITH CARDOZO THROUGH ITS CLINIC, WHICH TRAINS LAW STUDENTS
IN INNOCENCE-RELATED MATTERS. TO DATE, 344 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES
HAVE BEEN EXONERATED BY DNA TESTING, INCLUDING 20 WHO SERVED TIME ON
DEATH ROW. THE INNOCENCE PROJECT WORKED ON MORE THAN 200 OF THOSE
CASES. THE EXONEREES REFLECT THE NATION'S ETHNIC AND SOCIOECONOMIC
DIVERSITY, BUT A DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR. THE 344
EXONEREES SPENT A COMBINED TOTAL OF 4,685 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CRIMES
THEY DID NOT COMMIT.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

INSTANCE, OUR TEAM OF SOCIAL WORKERS WORKED TO REUNITE THE CLIENT WITH
FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND PROVIDED AROUND THE CLOCK ASSISTANCE TO HELP
SECURE HOUSING, ANY NECESSARY MEDICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL TREATMENT AND
SUPPORT IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT. THE INNOCENCE PROJECT REPRESENTED 230
CLIENTS DURING THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

FOR LAWS THAT ADEQUATELY COMPENSATE INNOCENT PEOPLE FOR THE HARM
EXPERIENCED BY WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS. IN THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2016, THE INNOCENCE PROJECT HAD EIGHT LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES,
ADVOCATED FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL STATEWIDE POLICE PRACTICE POLICIES
THROUGH EXECUTIVE AGENCIES AND THE COURTS, AND WORKED WITH CONGRESS TO
PASS A BILL THAT PERMANENTLY EXEMPTED COMPENSATION FROM TAXATION.

Name of the organization THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.	Employer identification number 32-0077563
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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

STRATEGIC LITIGATION: THE INNOCENCE PROJECT'S STRATEGIC LITIGATION DEPARTMENT WORKS THROUGH THE COURTS AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM TO ADDRESS THE LEADING CAUSES OF WRONGFUL CONVICTION AND TO MAKE JUDGES, ATTORNEYS AND POLICYMAKERS AWARE OF THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO WRONGFUL CONVICTION. LAWYERS USE MULTIPLE STRATEGIES TO CHANGE THE LAW AROUND THE USE OF UNVALIDATED FORENSIC TECHNIQUES AND UNRELIABLE EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATIONS . THEY ENGAGE IN DIRECT REPRESENTATION OF CLIENTS, FILE AMICUS BRIEFS, CONSULT WITH AND SUPPORT DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ACROSS THE COUNTRY REPRESENTING INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS AND PROVIDE TRAINING TO ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES. IN THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, STAFF TRAINED MORE THAN 1,700 LAWYERS AND HAD NINE MAJOR COURT RULINGS.

COMMUNICATIONS: THE INNOCENCE PROJECT BELIEVES THAT EACH DNA EXONERATION IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR IMPROVING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. ITS COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT WORKS TO ENSURE THAT EACH EXONERATION GENERATES SIGNIFICANT MEDIA ATTENTION IN ALL TYPES OF MEDIA. IT ALSO WORKS TO INSERT THE ORGANIZATION'S VOICE IN THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION ABOUT REFORMING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, PLACING STORIES AND OPINION PIECES THAT FURTHER OUR PUBLIC POLICY GOALS. IT MAINTAINS A ROBUST ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE AND SEEKS TO ENGAGE AND EDUCATE OUR MANY SUPPORTERS THROUGH THESE CHANNELS. IT PUBLISHES THREE ANNUAL PRINT PUBLICATIONS THAT HIGHLIGHT THE ORGANIZATION'S WORK AND ARRANGES FOR EXONEREES AND STAFF TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITIES, CORPORATIONS AND CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

NETWORK SUPPORT: THE ORGANIZATION'S NETWORK SUPPORT UNIT PROVIDES

Name of the organization THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.	Employer identification number 32-0077563
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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE INNOCENCE NETWORK, AN AFFILIATION OF
 LIKEMINDED ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY DEDICATED TO PROVIDING PRO
 BONO LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO PROVE THEIR INNOCENCE.
 OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES - INCLUDES STRATEGIC LITIGATION, COMMUNICATIONS
 AND THE NETWORK SUPPORT UNIT.
 EXPENSES \$ 3,261,117. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:
 DRAFT OF FORM 990 IS FIRST REVIEWED BY AUDIT COMMITTEE, THEN SENT TO ALL
 BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:
 ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL
 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION AND FORM 990 DISCLOSURE FORM.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:
 COMPENSATION IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD BASED ON INDUSTRY STANDARD.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:
 AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, NC, ND, NJ, NH, NY, OH
 OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, NM, MA**

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:
 THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL
 STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**
▶ **Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8868.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box **X**
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Electronic filing (e-file) . You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete

Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Enter filer's identifying number

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.	Employer identification number (EIN) or 32-0077563
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 40 WORTH STREET, SUITE 701	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. NEW YORK, NY 10013	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

CANDICE CARNAGE

- The books are in the care of ▶ **40 WORTH STREET, SUITE 701 - NEW YORK, NY 10013**
Telephone No. ▶ **(212) 364-5353** Fax No. ▶ _____
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **FEBRUARY 15, 2017**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year _____ or
 ▶ tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2015**, and ending **JUN 30, 2016**.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION***

JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**To the Board of Directors of
The Innocence Project, Inc.
New York, New York**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Innocence Project, Inc. (a not-for-profit corporation) which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, and of cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Innocence Project, Inc. as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**To the Board of Directors of
The Innocence Project, Inc.
New York, New York**

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited The Innocence Project, Inc.'s 2015 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated November 6, 2015. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Tait, Weller & Baker LLP

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
November 4, 2016**

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2016 And 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,844,536	\$ 5,681,436
Investments (<i>Note 2</i>)	9,816,734	4,327,830
Unconditional promises to give (<i>Note 3</i>)	5,172,619	6,618,993
Inventory	7,803	6,306
Prepaid expenses	222,147	118,070
Property and equipment, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,637,577 for 2016 and \$1,446,598 for 2015 (<i>Note 4</i>)	790,384	723,659
Security deposits	<u>257,288</u>	<u>257,288</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 22,111,511</u>	<u>\$ 17,733,582</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 717,196	\$ 696,882
Deferred rent credit (<i>Note 5</i>)	<u>504,274</u>	<u>502,288</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,221,470</u>	<u>1,199,170</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	1,174,668	916,964
Board-designated		
Reserve Fund	4,904,221	4,626,644
Campaign for Justice	13,164,485	10,174,985
Temporarily restricted (<i>Note 6</i>)	<u>1,646,667</u>	<u>815,819</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>20,890,041</u>	<u>16,534,412</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 22,111,511</u>	<u>\$ 17,733,582</u>

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2016

	2016				<u>Total</u>
	UNRESTRICTED			Temporarily Restricted	
	<u>Undesignated</u>	<u>Board Designated Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Board Designated Campaign for Justice</u>		
Public Support and Other Revenue					
Public Support					
Foundations	\$ 1,634,176	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,282,500	\$ 4,916,676
Corporations	358,101	-	-	-	358,101
Individuals and family foundations	5,460,113	-	989,500	1,405,667	7,855,280
Donated services (<i>Note 7</i>)	15,207,897	-	-	-	15,207,897
Fundraising benefits and other events	1,896,063	-	-	-	1,896,063
Less: direct costs of fundraising benefits and other events	(366,414)	-	-	-	(366,414)
Net assets released (<i>Note 6</i>)	<u>1,857,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,857,319)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Public Support	26,047,255	-	2,989,500	830,848	29,867,603
Other Revenue					
Investment income (loss) (<i>Note 2</i>)	321,249	-	-	-	321,249
National conference dues	193,330	-	-	-	193,330
Miscellaneous income	<u>61,784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,784</u>
Total Public Support and Other Revenue	<u>26,623,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,989,500</u>	<u>830,848</u>	<u>30,443,966</u>
Expenses					
Program Services	<u>23,436,258</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,436,258</u>
Supporting Services					
Management and general (<i>Note 7</i>)	1,621,583	-	-	-	1,621,583
Fundraising	<u>1,030,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,030,496</u>
Total Supporting Services	<u>2,652,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,652,079</u>
Total expenses	<u>26,088,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,088,337</u>
Excess of revenue and support over expenses	535,281	-	2,989,500	830,848	4,355,629
Other Changes					
Transfer between net assets (<i>Note 6</i>)	<u>(277,577)</u>	<u>277,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	257,704	277,577	2,989,500	830,848	4,355,629
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>916,964</u>	<u>4,626,644</u>	<u>10,174,985</u>	<u>815,819</u>	<u>16,534,412</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 1,174,668</u>	<u>\$4,904,221</u>	<u>\$13,164,485</u>	<u>\$ 1,646,667</u>	<u>\$20,890,041</u>

See notes to financial statements.

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

	2015				Total
	UNRESTRICTED			Temporarily Restricted	
	Undesignated	Board Designated Reserve Fund	Board Designated Campaign for Justice		
Public Support and Other Revenue					
Public Support					
Government	\$ 26,244	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,244
Foundations	1,444,046	-	6,049,575	1,240,000	8,733,621
Corporations	90,561	-	-	32,000	122,561
Individuals and family foundations	6,464,707	-	3,645,410	114,228	10,224,345
Donated services (<i>Note 7</i>)	7,597,383	-	-	-	7,597,383
Fundraising benefits and other events	1,807,341	-	-	-	1,807,341
Less: direct costs of fundraising benefits and other events	(348,014)	-	-	-	(348,014)
Net assets released (<i>Note 6</i>)	<u>2,656,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,656,635)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Public Support	19,738,903	-	9,694,985	(1,270,407)	28,163,481
Other Revenue					
Investment income (loss) (<i>Note 2</i>)	(10,230)	-	-	-	(10,230)
National conference dues	139,715	-	-	-	139,715
Miscellaneous income	<u>26,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,488</u>
Total Public Support and Other Revenue	<u>19,894,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,694,985</u>	<u>(1,270,407)</u>	<u>28,319,454</u>
Expenses					
Program Services	<u>15,133,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,133,987</u>
Supporting Services					
Management and general (<i>Note 7</i>)	1,509,436	-	-	-	1,509,436
Fundraising	<u>962,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>962,080</u>
Total Supporting Services	<u>2,471,516</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,471,516</u>
Total expenses	<u>17,605,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,605,503</u>
Excess of revenue and support over expenses	2,289,373	-	9,694,985	(1,270,407)	10,713,951
Other Changes					
Transfer between net assets (<i>Note 6</i>)	<u>(2,024,195)</u>	<u>2,024,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	265,178	2,024,195	9,694,985	(1,270,407)	10,713,951
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>651,786</u>	<u>2,602,449</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>2,086,226</u>	<u>5,820,461</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 916,964</u>	<u>\$4,626,644</u>	<u>\$10,174,985</u>	<u>\$ 815,819</u>	<u>\$16,534,412</u>

See notes to financial statements.

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For The Years Ended June 30, 2016 And 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Increase in net assets	\$ 4,355,629	\$10,713,951
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used for) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	190,979	171,230
Realized and unrealized (gain) loss on sale of investments	(207,412)	14,052
Deferred rent credit	1,986	13,554
(Increase) decrease in:		
Unconditional promises to give	1,446,374	(4,054,518)
Inventory	(1,497)	(6,306)
Prepaid expenses	(104,077)	(42,956)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>20,314</u>	<u>(28,160)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>5,702,296</u>	<u>6,780,847</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Net change in investments	(5,281,492)	(2,951,631)
Purchase of property and equipment	<u>(257,704)</u>	<u>(265,178)</u>
Net cash used for investing activities	<u>(5,539,196)</u>	<u>(3,216,809)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	163,100	3,564,038
Cash And Cash Equivalents		
Beginning of year	<u>5,681,436</u>	<u>2,117,398</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 5,844,536</u>	<u>\$ 5,681,436</u>

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2016 And 2015

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The Innocence Project, Inc. is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to exonerating innocent people through DNA testing and reforming the criminal justice system to prevent wrongful convictions. The Innocence Project was established in 1992 as a legal clinic at Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University and incorporated as its own 501(c)(3) organization in 2004. The Innocence Project maintains a strong partnership with Cardozo through its clinic, which trains law students in innocence-related matters. To date, 344 people in the United States have been exonerated by DNA testing, including 20 who served time on death row. The Innocence Project worked on more than half of those cases. To date, by DNA and other means, the Innocence Project has helped free almost 200 people and inspired many others to do the same. The exonerees are ethnically and socioeconomically diverse, but a disproportionate number are poor and people of color. The 344 exonerees spent a combined total of 4,685 years in prison for crimes they did not commit.

Each exoneration is a learning moment for the criminal justice system. Research from the exonerations has shown that wrongful convictions are not rare or isolated events, but instead the result of systemic flaws in the criminal justice system. The leading causes of wrongful convictions are eyewitness misidentification, flawed or invalid forensic science, and false or coerced confessions—problems that can be addressed through proven, science-based reforms. Thus the Innocence Project works to free innocent people and reform the criminal justice system through an integrated strategy for justice by: 1) freeing the innocent, 2) educating lawmakers and the public about wrongful convictions and its causes, and 3) working for essential reforms to protect the innocent. The Innocence Project also files friend-of-the-court briefs in important cases that lead to groundbreaking judicial rulings that make the system more fair and just.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the Innocence Project represented 255 clients at any given time and evaluated thousands of requests for help from prisoners or their families. Six clients were exonerated by the Innocence Project during the year and the social work team assisted 46 exonerees through comprehensive case management services. The Innocence Project's policy advocates helped pass eight critical reforms that prevent and address wrongful convictions and continued to advocate for national forensic science reform and support for federal funding for projects across the country that work to free the innocent. The communications department facilitated nearly 21 speaking engagements and educational forums and secured news coverage leading to thousands of stories in traditional and online media. The Innocence Project also submitted 21 influential amicus briefs in state supreme courts, federal appeal courts, and the United States Supreme Court. Additionally, the strategic litigation department held 25 trainings, teaching thousands of judges and attorneys across the country on the use of witness identification and forensic science in courtrooms.

The Innocence Project is a founding member of the Innocence Network and serves as its headquarters.

ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

In preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (Continued)

June 30, 2016 And 2015

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND PRESENTATION

The Innocence Project follows Statement of FASB ASC 958, Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations to prepare its financial statements.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Innocence Project occasionally maintains deposits in excess of federally insured limits. Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 825, “*Financial Instruments*”, identifies these items as concentration of credit risk requiring disclosure, regardless of the degree of risk. The risk is managed by monitoring the financial institutions in which deposits are made.

CASH EQUIVALENTS

As of June 30, 2016 and 2015, cash equivalents consist of cash and money market funds and are stated at cost which approximates market value.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are carried at fair market value. Gain or loss on sale of investments is determined on the basis of average cost and is recorded in the statement of activities. Dividend and interest income is recorded as earned.

OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Office furniture and equipment are recorded at cost. It is the Innocence Projects policy to capitalize expenditures for these items in excess of \$1,000. Depreciation is provided on straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets which are five years for equipment and furniture, three years for software and the life of the related lease for leasehold improvements.

NET ASSETS

The Innocence Project classifies net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Innocence Project and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets include the revenues and expenses associated with the principal mission of the Innocence Project.

Board-Designated Net Assets include funds designated by the Board of Directors (the “***Board***”) for cash reserve purposes. Income earned on these funds is unrestricted. The total cash reserve as of June 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$4,904,221 and \$4,626,644, respectively.

Board-designated Campaign for Justice includes funds designated by the Board to ensure the ongoing financial health of the Innocence Project and to allow the organization to take advantage of new and unanticipated opportunities as they arise. Income earned on these funds is unrestricted and Board approval is necessary for any funds withdrawn. The Campaign for Justice was created in fiscal year 2014 and total net assets as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$13,164,485 and \$10,174,985, respectively.

Temporarily restricted net assets include gifts for which donor-imposed restrictions have not been met.

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (Continued)

June 30, 2016 And 2015

CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROMISES TO GIVE

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give that is, in substance, unconditional. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets.

Unconditional promises to give are reported at net realizable value if at the time the promise is made payment is expected to be received in one year or less. Unconditional promises that are expected to be collected in more than one year are reported at their discounted present values and a provision is made for amounts estimated to be uncollectible.

INCOME TAXES

The Innocence Project is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Management has reviewed the tax positions for each of the open tax years (2014 – 2015) or expected to be taken in the Innocence Project's 2016 tax return and has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements.

FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing various programs and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and changes in net assets. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

PRIOR YEAR INFORMATION

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total, but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Innocence Project's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2015, from which the summarized information was derived.

(2) INVESTMENTS

Investments at June 30, 2016 and 2015 consisted of the following:

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>
Certificates of deposits	\$ 78,040	\$ 78,040	\$ 266,914	\$ 267,715
Money Market Fund	1,770,580	1,770,580	4,060,115	4,060,115
Mutual Funds				
Bond Funds	3,095,950	3,163,415	-	-
Equity Funds	<u>4,663,073</u>	<u>4,804,699</u>	-	-
	<u>\$ 9,607,643</u>	<u>\$ 9,816,734</u>	<u>\$ 4,327,029</u>	<u>\$ 4,327,830</u>

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Investment income (deficit) earned from cash equivalents and investments consist of the following for the years ended June 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Realized loss on sale of investments	\$ (878)	\$(14,436)
Interest and dividend income	113,837	3,822
Unrealized gain on investments	<u>208,290</u>	<u>384</u>
	<u>\$ 321,249</u>	<u>\$(10,230)</u>

The Innocence Project utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of its investments on a recurring basis. Generally accepted accounting principles establish a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are described below:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Innocence Project has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Innocence Project's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

The inputs methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The summary of inputs used to value the Innocence Project's assets that are carried at fair value as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

	<u>2016</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Certificates of Deposit	\$ -	\$ 78,040	\$ -	\$ 78,040
Money Market Fund	1,770,580	-	-	1,770,580
Mutual Funds				
Bond Funds	3,163,415	-	-	3,163,415
Equity Funds	<u>4,804,699</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,804,699</u>
	<u>\$ 9,738,694</u>	<u>\$ 78,040</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,816,734</u>
	<u>2015</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Certificates of Deposit	\$ -	\$ 267,715	\$ -	\$ 267,715
Money Market Fund	<u>4,060,115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,060,115</u>
	<u>\$ 4,060,115</u>	<u>\$ 267,715</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,327,830</u>

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015. Transfers, if any, between levels are recognized at the end of the reporting period.

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(3) UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES TO GIVE

Unconditional promises to give at June 30, 2016 and 2015 are expected to be realized in the following periods:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Within one year	\$ 3,201,033	\$ 2,976,385
Between one year and five years	<u>2,033,833</u>	<u>3,797,000</u>
	5,234,866	6,773,385
Less discount to net present value	<u>(62,247)</u>	<u>(154,392)</u>
	<u>\$ 5,172,619</u>	<u>\$ 6,618,993</u>

Uncollectible promises are expected to be insignificant. Unconditional promises to give to be received after one year are discounted at a rate of 1.41% for 2016 and 1.60% for 2015.

(4) PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following at June 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Equipment	\$ 862,930	\$ 817,258
Leasehold improvements	716,470	640,757
Furniture and fixtures	411,539	364,020
Software	433,636	344,836
Artwork	<u>3,386</u>	<u>3,386</u>
	2,427,961	2,170,257
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(1,637,577)</u>	<u>(1,446,598)</u>
	<u>\$ 790,384</u>	<u>\$ 723,659</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$190,979 and \$171,230, respectively.

(5) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

COMMITMENTS

As of June 30, 2015, the Innocence Project leases office space under two non-cancelable operating leases. The first lease commenced in February 2011 and expires September 30, 2021. In August 2011, the Innocence Project signed a second lease with its current landlord for additional office space commencing October 1, 2011 and also expiring September 30, 2021.

The minimum annual rental payments for both leases are as follows:

<u>For The Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 729,874
2018	761,624
2019	776,857
2020	792,394
2021	808,242
Thereafter through September 30, 2021	<u>203,056</u>
	<u>\$ 4,072,047</u>

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The leases contained a period of free rent and as such, generally accepted accounting principles require the Innocence Project to amortize the aggregate of the total minimum lease payments on the straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The difference between the straight-line expense and amounts paid in accordance with the terms of its leases is recorded as a deferred rent credit in the statement of financial position. Rent expense for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, including the adjustment for the deferred rent credit, amounted to approximately \$670,100 and \$668,600, respectively. The deferred rent credit was \$504,274 and \$502,288 at June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The Innocence Project entered into an agreement with Yeshiva University (“YU”) in 2003 to take over the activities of a legal clinic known as “The Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law” and to continue to provide education and training for law students and further the activities of the Innocence Project. The term of the agreement is through June 30, 2017. The agreement provides that one-sixth, but not less than two of the Innocence Project’s board will be selected by Cardozo’s Dean in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Cardozo and the President of YU and that a Cardozo board member will serve on the Innocence Project’s executive committee and another board member on the Innocence Project’s finance committee. Additionally, the Corporate by-laws of the Innocence Project cannot be amended as to change or diminish the percentage of seats Cardozo will hold on the Board of Directors or membership on the Executive or Finance Committees during the life of the Agreement without the prior approval of the Dean of Cardozo, President of YU, Cardozo Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees of YU. Further, the Board of Directors of the Innocence Project cannot be more than twenty-one members without the consent of Cardozo and the location of the Innocence Project’s rental space and its suitability shall be subject to approval by the Dean of Cardozo. Student participation in the clinic for academic credit will only be provided to Cardozo students unless approved by the Dean of Cardozo. The agreement further provides that pursuant to an approved annual budget, YU will provide a certain amount of annual funding. YU will also provide the salary and fringe benefits for one of founding law clinic professors for services he provides to the Innocence Project (*See Note 7*). YU assigned its federal trademark application for the *Innocence Project* trademark and any rights it may have owned in the mark to the two founding law clinic professors, and received, in return, a non-exclusive royalty-free license to use the trademark in connection with educational programs sponsored by Cardozo. In August 2011 the law clinic professors transferred the trademark title to the Innocence Project.

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(6) NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2016 and 2015 are available for the following purposes:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
General Operating Support-Future Periods	\$ 266,667	\$ 367,891
Strategic Litigation Unit	-	6,692
Network Support Unit	200,000	60,236
Legal and Intake Units	-	30,000
Campaign for Justice	90,000	205,000
Prosecutorial Misconduct	1,000,000	-
Walking Fund	<u>90,000</u>	<u>146,000</u>
	<u>\$1,646,667</u>	<u>\$ 815,819</u>

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
DNA Testing	\$ 135,500	\$ -
Special Events	-	22,000
Special Council Fund	75,000	264,888
Planned Giving	-	15,000
Network Support Unit	170,236	288,769
State Based Advocacy	850,000	900,000
Campaign for Justice	115,000	165,000
Strategic Litigation Unit	91,692	233,308
Walking Fund	56,000	58,000
Time Released-General Operating Support	167,891	498,333
Policy Work for Reform	-	100,000
Exonoree Fund	35,000	21,337
Legal and Intake Units	140,000	90,000
Network Conference	<u>21,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$1,857,319</u>	<u>\$2,656,635</u>

On June 10, 2016, the Board of Directors approved the transfer of any fiscal 2016 surplus to the Unrestricted – Board Designated Reserve, after all 2016 capital expenditures. This transfer amounted to \$277,577 after capital expenditures of \$257,704.

(7) DONATED SERVICES

The Innocence Project received the following donated services during the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 in support of its programs and operations. The fair market value has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Professional fees	\$ 14,807,897	\$ 7,197,383
Co-founders in-kind support	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
	<u>\$ 15,207,897</u>	<u>\$ 7,597,383</u>

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Donated services can vary greatly from year to year depending on the type of projects that the Innocence Project takes on and whether they are done in-house or out-of-house, largely by law firms working pro-bono. For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, donated services of \$288,874 and \$238,140, respectively, were performed in connection with management and general services.

(8) EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

The Innocence Project has a 401(k) salary deferral plan covering substantially all employees. Under the plan, the Innocence Project may make a contribution to the employee plan on a discretionary basis. Plan expenses, including employer's contribution, incurred by the Innocence Project for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 were approximately \$176,800 and \$162,700, respectively.

(9) LINE OF CREDIT

The Innocence Project has a line of credit in the amount of \$1,000,000, which expires May 13, 2017. As of June 30, 2016, the Innocence Project has no balance due on the line of credit.

(10) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events after the balance sheet date through the date that the financial statements were available for issuance, November 4, 2016, have been evaluated in the preparation of the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
ON SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**To the Board of Directors of
The Innocence Project, Inc.
New York, New York**

We have audited the financial statements of The Innocence Project, Inc. as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated November 4, 2016, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of functional expenses is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Tait, Weller & Baker LLP

**New York, New York
November 4, 2016**

THE INNOCENCE PROJECT, INC.

SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

For The Year Ended June 30, 2016 With Comparative Totals For 2015

	Program Services	Supporting Services			2016 Total Expenses	2015 Total Expenses
		Management And General	Fundraising	Total		
Salaries, fringe benefits and payroll taxes	\$ 5,372,137	\$ 934,986	\$ 632,352	\$ 1,567,338	\$ 6,939,475	\$ 6,677,605
Staff training and development	20,863	18,838	14,059	32,897	53,760	27,095
Donated legal services	14,919,023	288,874	-	288,874	15,207,897	7,597,383
Professional fees	30,209	28,706	14,195	42,901	73,110	129,900
Insurance	51,445	8,627	6,199	14,826	66,271	63,208
Consulting	840,197	122,198	79,304	201,502	1,041,699	627,541
DNA and forensic tests	324,173	-	-	-	324,173	255,924
Exoneration program expenses	154,389	-	-	-	154,389	151,305
Occupancy	607,326	101,844	73,186	175,030	782,356	776,449
Printing, postage, delivery and copying	103,765	9,203	56,890	66,093	169,858	139,669
Office supplies	76,448	11,772	30,259	42,031	118,479	98,882
Telephone and computers	110,320	10,625	30,210	40,835	151,155	296,738
Travel	399,228	12,274	13,517	25,791	425,019	270,746
Conferences and meetings	238,432	22,396	11,054	33,450	271,882	212,160
Research and program materials	25,470	110	1,780	1,890	27,360	20,213
Bank and filing fees	8,464	23,282	40,752	64,034	72,498	66,891
Miscellaneous	6,116	2,987	8,874	11,861	17,977	22,564
Total expenses before depreciation	23,288,005	1,596,722	1,012,631	2,609,353	25,897,358	17,434,273
Depreciation	148,253	24,861	17,865	42,726	190,979	171,230
Total expenses (2016)	\$ 23,436,258	\$ 1,621,583	\$ 1,030,496	\$ 2,652,079	\$ 26,088,337	
Total expenses (2015)	\$ 15,133,987	\$ 1,509,436	\$ 962,080	\$ 2,471,516		\$ 17,605,503