

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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A For the 2025 calendar year, or tax year beginning August 1, 2024, and ending July 31, 20 25

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

C Name of organization: Chicago Council of Lawyers
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): p.o. box 112, 1101 Davis Street
 Room/suite: _____
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: evanston, il, 60204

D Employer identification number: 36-2696733

F Group Exemption Number: _____

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify): _____

I Website: www.chicagocouncil.org

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) (6) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other: _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I) \$ 19,460

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1		3,500
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2		0
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3		15,960
	4 Investment income	4		9
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events:			
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0	
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	0	
	c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0	
	d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0	
	b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0	
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
	e Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		0
	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9		19,460
	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10		0
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11		0
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12		0
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13		0
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14		4,974
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15		49
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16		19,361
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17		24,384
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	18		-4,924
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19		48,759
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20		0
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21		43,835

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	48759	43835
23 Land and buildings	0	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	0
25 Total assets	48759	43835
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	48759	43835

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? research and education around court operations

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 Evaluation of judges		
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	12,000
29 Education programs		
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	2245
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	14245

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
David Schrodt President	1	0	0	0
Steve Art Board Member	1	0	0	0
David Baltmanis Board Member	1	0	0	0
Robert Lehrer Board Member	1	0	0	0
Judson Miner Board Member	1	0	0	0
Aviva Futorian Board Member	1	0	0	0
Rachel Niewoehner Board Member	1	9	9	9
David Jorgenson Board Member	1	0	0	0
Robert Held Board Member	1	0	0	0
Randal Wampler Board Member	1	0	0	0
Joshua Prober Board Member	1	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35b	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35c	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37b	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38a	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911: _____; section 4912: _____; section 4955: _____		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed:		
42a	The organization's books are in care of: _____ Telephone no. _____ Located at: _____ ZIP + 4 _____		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	Yes	No
42b			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
42c			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year		<input type="checkbox"/>
43			
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44b			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44c			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44d			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45b			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I Yes No
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Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II Yes No
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48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 48

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer		Date		
	Officer's name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name			Firm's EIN	
	Firm's address			Phone no.	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

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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 Form 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

Chicago Council of Lawyers

Employer identification number

36-2696733

Line 16: Other expenses

Payments to the Fund for Justice, Inc for staff loan: \$19,361

Elizabeth Monkus (20% of compensation) and Jason Olexa (20% of compensation)