Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [X] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN & ARONOFF ELECTIVE SAVINGS PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 12/31/1968

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN AND ARONOFF L.L.P.

200 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 2300
CLEVELAND, OH 44114-2378

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-6596918

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 216-363-4500

2d Business code (see instructions) 541110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/13/2017	JOHN H. BANK
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)

Preparer's telephone number

3a	Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b**	Administrator's EIN
		3c	Administrator's telephone number
4	If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b**	EIN
a	Sponsor's name	**4c**	PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	374
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	256
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	289
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	95
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	384
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	2
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	386
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	386
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2J 3B

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] ___ **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [ ] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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DFE/Participating Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN AND ARONOFF L.L.P.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
34-6596918

Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN & ARONOFF LLP

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
34-6596918-050	M	46416960

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	150331	360609
(3) Other	1b(3)		90940
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		7047
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	45602444	46416960
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	45752775	46875556
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	423613	635417
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	423613	635417
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	45329162	46240139

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)		
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2727205	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	315646	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		3042851
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		873441
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3916292
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3005315	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		3005315
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3005315
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		910977
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified **(2)** ☐ Qualified **(3)** ☒ Disclaimer **(4)** ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: COHEN & COMPANY **(2)** EIN: 34-1912961

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		1000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i		X	
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	4n		X	
o	Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only: Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service?	4o			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

6c Name of trustee or custodian	**6d** Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

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Retirement Plan Information

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Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1**

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 84-1455663

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b	☐ Yes ☐ No
20b How did the plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals under section 401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Design-based safe harbor ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A
21a What testing method was used to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Ratio percentage test ☐ Average benefit test ☐ N/A
21b Did the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination requirements of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) for the plan year by combining this plan with any other plan under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes ☐ No

22a If the plan is a master and prototype plan (M&P) or volume submitter plan that received a favorable IRS opinion letter or advisory letter, enter the date of the letter _____/_____/_____ and the serial number _____.

22b If the plan is an individually-designed plan that received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the most recent determination letter _____/_____/_____.

Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff Elective Savings Plan

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ELECTIVE SAVINGS PLAN

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Independent Auditors' Report

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff Elective Savings Plan (the Plan), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Plan 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 conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Reliance Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the custodian holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the custodian as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the year ended December 31, 2016, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the custodian is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matter

The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2016, is required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on this supplemental schedule.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the custodian, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

October 12, 2017
Cleveland, Ohio

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
INVESTMENTS – AT FAIR VALUE		
Plan interest in the Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff Money Purchase Pension Plan and Elective Savings Plan Master Trust	$ 46,424,007	$ 45,602,444
RECEIVABLES		
Participant contributions	360,609	150,331
Rollover contributions	90,940	
	451,549	150,331
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 46,875,556	$ 45,752,775

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	
Plan interest in the Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff Money Purchase Pension Plan and Elective Savings Plan Master Trust investment gain	$ 873,441
Contributions:	
Participants	2,727,205
Rollovers	315,646
	3,042,851
Total additions	3,916,292
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	
Benefits paid to participants	2,793,511
NET INCREASE	1,122,781
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:	
BEGINNING OF YEAR	45,752,775
END OF YEAR	$ 46,875,556

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff Elective Savings Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering employees of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff LLP (the Firm) who have completed one month of service and have attained age 21. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Administration

The Firm's Retirement Plan Committee (Committee) oversees governance of the Plan, determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitors investment performance. The Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors of the Firm. The assets of the Plan are invested in the Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff Money Purchase Pension Plan and Elective Savings Plan Master Trust (Master Trust or Benesch Friedlander Master Trust). The Master Trust is sponsored by the Firm (see Note 5).

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute to the Plan up to 50% of their pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). The Firm may, at its discretion, make matching contributions or profit sharing contributions to the Plan for the related year. These contributions are funded in the year subsequent to their authorization. There were no discretionary contributions authorized for 2016. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Participant Accounts

A separate account is maintained for each participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, rollover contributions, allocations of the Firm's contributions, and Plan earnings or losses as defined by the Plan agreement. The Firm's matching contributions are allocated as of the last day of the Plan year and are allocated based on the ratio of a participant's payroll reduction contributions to all participant payroll reduction contributions. Allocations of the Firm's profit sharing contributions are given only to participants employed at the end of the Plan year who have completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year, and are based on participants' compensation for the Plan year relating to the contribution. Master Trust earnings or losses, net of administrative expenses, are allocated quarterly based on each participant's account balance at the end of the quarter. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account, as defined.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Firm's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

During 2016, the Plan was amended so that participants may borrow money within certain limits from their individual accounts. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account. Such notes bear interest at a reasonable rate commensurate with current interest rates charged for loans made under similar circumstances by persons in the business of lending money. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. A participant may elect (no more often than once per year) a distribution of 25% or more of the vested portion of his or her account upon attainment of age 55 and 5 years of service. If the participant's account balance is less than $1,000, the plan administrator directs the custodian to make a lump-sum distribution. Distributions of a participant's account balance may be authorized by the plan administrator under certain hardship conditions after the participant has completed five years of service.

Benefit Obligations

Included in net assets available for benefits are amounts allocated to individuals who have elected to withdraw from the Plan, but who have not been paid. Plan assets allocated to these participants were $635,417 and $423,613 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures are allocated to participants in the Plan year subsequent to the year in which they were transferred to the forfeiture account. There was no balance in the forfeiture account at December 31, 2016 and 2015, and no amounts were transferred to the account in 2016.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Use of Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value as reported by Reliance Trust Company (Reliance), the custodian of the Plan. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisers and custodian. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities in the Master Trust are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income from investments is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Allocation of Contributions, Investment Income, and Gains and Losses in the Master Trust

The trust assets attributable to the Plan, including notes receivable from participants, in the Master Trust are maintained by Reliance. Investment income, gains, and losses of the Master Trust are allocated to each participant based on the participant's account balance in the Master Trust at the end of each quarter.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2016. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Plan Expenses

Certain expenses of administering the Plan are paid by the Master Trust. Certain other administrative expenses are paid by the Firm and are excluded from these financial statements. Certain investment management fees are charged to the Plan as a reduction of investment return and are included in the Plan's interest in the Master Trust investment income or loss reported by the Plan.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Income Taxes

The Plan recognizes and discloses uncertain tax positions in accordance with GAAP. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the year ended December 31, 2016, the Plan did not have a liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

Subsequent Events

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through October 12, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY CUSTODIAN

In accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator has elected to restrict the scope of the auditor's examination with regard to statements or information prepared and certified by Reliance, the custodian.

Reliance has certified as to the completeness and accuracy of the Master Trust and the Plan's interest in such investments the Master Trust holds, and changes in net assets arising from Master Trust investment activity, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the year ended December 31, 2016.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access
- Level 2 Other significant observable inputs including: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means
- Level 3 Inputs are significant and unobservable (including the Plan's own assumptions used to determine value)

The assets' fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets of the Master Trust measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Master Trust are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Master Trust are deemed to be actively traded.

Common stock and preferred stock: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Corporate obligations, foreign debt obligations, municipal obligations and US government and agencies securities: Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. When quoted prices are not available for identical or similar bonds, the bond is valued under a discounted cash flows approach that maximizes observable inputs such as current yields of similar instruments, but includes adjustments for certain risks that may not be observable, such as credit and liquidity risks.

Certificates of deposit: The fair values of certificates of deposit approximate cost, as they are generally short-term in nature and bear market rates of interest.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

5. BENESCH FRIEDLANDER MASTER TRUST

The Plan's investments and notes receivable from participants are in a Master Trust, which was established for the investment of assets of the Plan and other retirement plans sponsored by Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff LLP. The assets are held by Reliance. The only participants in the Master Trust are two employee benefit plans of the Firm. Each participating retirement plan has an undivided interest in the Master Trust.

The fair value of the Plan's interest in the Master Trust is based on the beginning of year value of the Plan's interest in the Master Trust (determined by participant account balances) plus actual contributions and allocated investment income or loss, net of administrative expenses, and less actual distributions. Master Trust investment income or loss, net of administrative expenses, is allocated quarterly to the Plan based on each participant's account balance at the end of each quarter. The underlying investments of the Master Trust are stated at fair value, as described in Note 4.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. BENESCH FRIEDLANDER MASTER TRUST (Continued)

The following table presents the net assets of the Master Trust as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Investments at fair value:		
Mutual funds - Money market	$ 1,369,212	$ 2,680,830
Mutual funds - Equity	58,416,979	47,656,884
Mutual funds - Fixed income	10,128,762	9,670,498
Certificates of deposit	1,061,438	2,319,242
US government and agencies securities	5,736,701	4,706,837
Corporate obligations	3,911,301	3,470,882
Foreign debt obligations	282,427	179,420
Municipal obligations		361,003
Preferred stock	413,518	
Domestic common stock	6,301,814	14,298,012
International common stock	518,560	842,166
	88,140,712	86,185,774
Accrued interest and dividends	66,279	82,524
Notes receivable from participants	160,183	143,558
Receivable from broker	16,941	11,038
Payable to broker	(172,324)	(337,215)
Accrued administrative expenses	(33,846)	(42,427)
	$ 88,177,945	$ 86,043,252

The Plan's interest in the Master Trust was approximately 53% as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

The following are the changes in net assets of the Master Trust for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Changes in net assets:

Interest and dividends	$ 1,975,424
Net depreciation of investments	(61,485)
Administrative expenses	(259,605)
Net investment gain	1,654,334
Net transfers	480,359
Increase in net assets	2,134,693
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	86,043,252
End of year	$ 88,177,945

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. BENESCH FRIEDLANDER MASTER TRUST (Continued)

Assets of the Master Trust measured at fair value by level, within the fair value hierarchy, are comprised of the following at December 31, 2016:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds - Money market	$ 1,369,212		
Mutual funds - Equity	58,416,979		
Mutual funds - Fixed income	10,128,762		
Certificates of deposit		$ 1,061,438	
US government and agencies securities		5,736,701	
Corporate obligations		3,911,301	
Foreign debt obligations		282,427	
Preferred stock	413,518		
Domestic common stock	6,301,814		
International common stock	518,560		
	$ 77,148,845	$ 10,991,867	$

Assets of the Master Trust measured at fair value by level, within the fair value hierarchy, are comprised of the following at December 31, 2015:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds - Money market	$ 2,680,830		
Mutual funds - Equity	47,656,884		
Mutual funds - Fixed income	9,670,498		
Certificates of deposit		$ 2,319,242	
US government and agencies securities		4,706,837	
Corporate obligations		3,470,882	
Foreign debt obligations		179,420	
Municipal obligations		361,003	
Domestic common stock	14,298,012		
International common stock	842,166		
	$ 75,148,390	$ 11,037,384	$

The Master Trust did not hold any Level 3 assets during the year.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Firm has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. TAX STATUS

The IRS has determined and informed the Firm by a letter dated September 19, 2014, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax exempt as of the financial statement date.

8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities through the Master Trust. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, liquidity, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

9. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO SCHEDULE H OF FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of Plan interest in Master Trust per the financial statements at December 31, 2016, to Form 5500:

Plan interest in Master Trust per the financial statements	$ 46,424,007
Amounts allocated to notes receivable from participants	(7,047)
Plan interest in Master Trust per Form 5500	$ 46,416,960

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2016 and 2015, to Form 5500:

	2016	2015
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 46,875,556	$ 45,752,775
Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants	(635,417)	(423,613)
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	$ 46,240,139	$ 45,329,162

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO SCHEDULE H OF FORM 5500 (Continued)

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016, to Form 5500:

Benefits paid to participants per the financial statements	$ 2,793,511
Add: Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2016	635,417
Less: Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2015	(423,613)
Benefits paid to participants per Form 5500	$ 3,005,315

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Effective September 1, 2017, the Plan changed the trustee and recordkeeper to Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity). Also effective on this date, the Plan was amended to merge the Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff Money Purchase Pension Plan (Benesch MPPP) into the Plan. The Benesch MPPP's and the Plan's interest in the Master Trust was transferred to Fidelity. Each participant's account balance in the Plan was mapped to a designated target retirement date fund and further change, if any, is at the direction of the participant. Each participant's account balance previously in the Benesch MPPP was mapped to a designated balanced fund. The Committee directs any change from the designated balanced fund to other investments on behalf of the participants.

The Plan was also amended effective September 1, 2017, to allow participants to contribute up to 90% of their annual compensation, as defined, and to allow Roth contributions.

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