

<p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2022</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>07/01/2022</u> and ending <u>06/30/2023</u>	
A	This return/report is for: <input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) ____
B	This return/report is: <input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report <input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report
	<input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report <input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>
D	Check box if filing under: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558 <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension <input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program
	<input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information
1a Name of plan <u>ADVOCATES, INC. 403(B) PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
	1c Effective date of plan <u>02/01/2004</u>
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) <u>ADVOCATES, INC</u>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>23-7451423</u>
<u>1881 WORCESTER RD STE 103 FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701-5410</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>508-628-6300</u>
<u>1881 WORCESTER RD STE 103 FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701-5410</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>623000</u>

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.	04/13/2024	LAURA MILLER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/13/2024	LAURA MILLER
	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

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number																		
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN																		
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">7</td> </tr> </table>	5	7																
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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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits..... d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)..... h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">6a(1)</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">6a(2)</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">6b</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">6c</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">6d</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">6e</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">6f</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">6g</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">6h</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> </table>	6a(1)	5	6a(2)	5	6b	1	6c	1	6d	7	6e	0	6f	7	6g	7	6h	0
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7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="width:90%; text-align: right;">7</td> </tr> </table>	7	7																
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2G 2J 2L 2M 2T 3D 3H 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 A (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 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 _____

<p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large;">2022</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **07/01/2022** and ending **06/30/2023**

<p>A Name of plan ADVOCATES, INC. 403(B) PLAN</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p>002</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ADVOCATES, INC</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-7451423</p>	

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
04-1590850	65935	762318-02	3	07/01/2022	06/30/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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Part II	Investment and Annuity Contract Information	
Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.		
4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	4 119037
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5 0
6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:		
a State the basis of premium rates ▶		
b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount..... Specify nature of costs ▶	6d
e Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶		
f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)		
a Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT		
b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b 140894
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1) 149
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2) 0
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3) 2994
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4) 0
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5) 0
▶		
(6) Total additions.....		7c(6) 3143
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d 144037
e Deductions:		
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1) 25000
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2) 0
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3) 0
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)
▶		
(5) Total deductions.....		7e(5) 25000
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f 119037

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

- 8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)
- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
 - b** Dental
 - c** Vision
 - d** Life insurance
 - e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 - f** Long-term disability
 - g** Supplemental unemployment
 - h** Prescription drug
 - i** Stop loss (large deductible)
 - j** HMO contract
 - k** PPO contract
 - l** Indemnity contract
 - m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a	Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	0
b	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	0
	(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
	(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
	(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
	(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
	(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)	
d	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
	(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
	(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	
10	Nonexperience-rated contracts:			
a	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier		10a	
b	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.		10b	

Part IV Provision of Information

- 11** Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No
- 12** If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

**SCHEDULE C
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Service Provider Information

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

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2022

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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2023

A Name of plan <u>ADVOCATES, INC. 403(B) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ADVOCATES, INC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>23-7451423</u>	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... Yes No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

GALLAGHER BENEFITS SERVICES DBA

1100 SUPERIOR AVENUE STE 1700
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	1330	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY O

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORD KEEPER	350	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

<p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Financial Information</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large;">2022</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **07/01/2022** and ending **06/30/2023**

<p>A Name of plan ADVOCATES, INC. 403(B) PLAN</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ADVOCATES, INC</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-7451423</p>

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 0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1) 0	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2) 0	0
(3) Other.....	1b(3) 0	0
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1) 0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2) 0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred.....	1c(3)(A) 0	0
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B) 0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred.....	1c(4)(A) 0	0
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B) 0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests.....	1c(5) 0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property).....	1c(6) 0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7) 0	0
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8) 0	0
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9) 0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10) 0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11) 0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12) 0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13) 1790229	2081783
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14) 140894	119037
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(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	1931123	2200820

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	1931123	2200820
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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)	0	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	91021	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		91021
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	0	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	2995	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		2995
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	120101	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	0	
(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)	0	
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)	0	
(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)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		80880
c Other income	2c		1330
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		296327
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	24950	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		24950
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	1680	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other	2i(4)	0	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		1680
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		26630
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		269697
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) Unmodified **(2)** Qualified **(3)** Disclaimer **(4)** Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: **MAYER HOFFMANN MCCANN P.C.**

(2) EIN: **43-1947695**

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:

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.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

		Yes	No	Amount
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	
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			

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

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 Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2023

A Name of plan <u>ADVOCATES, INC. 403(B) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ADVOCATES, INC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>23-7451423</u>	

Part I	Distributions
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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	0
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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): 20-3691708

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.....

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Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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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
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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.
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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 (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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 _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

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 deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	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): _____

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

Yes.

No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

No. Other. Provide explanation _____



**Financial Statements
and Supplemental Schedule**

Advocates, Inc. 403(b) Plan

June 30, 2023 and 2022



ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Plan Administrator
Advocates, Inc. 403(b) Plan
Framingham, Massachusetts

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed the audits of the financial statements of the Advocates, Inc. 403(b) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended June 30, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAS”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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. Management’s election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management’s responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan’s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan’s transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan’s provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors’ report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on these financial statements.



In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of June 30, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. 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 included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.



In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Mayer Hoffmann McCann P.C.

Boston, Massachusetts
April 11, 2024

ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<i>June 30,</i>	
	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 2,081,125	\$ 1,789,295
Fully benefit-responsive investment contract, at contract value	<u>119,695</u>	<u>141,828</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 2,200,820</u>	<u>\$ 1,931,123</u>

ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 80,880
Interest and dividends	<u>123,096</u>

Total investment income	<u>203,976</u>
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Participant deferrals	<u>91,021</u>
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Total additions to net assets	<u>294,997</u>
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	25,000
Administrative fees	<u>300</u>

Total deductions from net assets	<u>25,300</u>
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Net increase in net assets available for benefits	269,697
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Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>1,931,123</u>
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Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$ <u><u>2,200,820</u></u>
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ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Advocates, Inc. 403(b) Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions, which are available from the Plan administrator.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution 403(b) plan established for the benefit of the employees of Advocates, Inc. (the “Employer”). The Plan was last amended and restated on November 1, 2021. Substantially all employees are covered. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Substantially all investments are participant-directed.

On December 31, 2020, Empower acquired the retirement business of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (“MassMutual”) and became the sole administrator of this business. Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (“EAIC”) has been granted power of attorney over the Capital Preservation Fund issued by MassMutual.

Effective July 1, 2021, the Plan sponsor acquired an unrelated third party. As of the date of these financial statements, there are no imminent changes to the Plan expected.

Participant Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 100% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, subject to dollar limits set by Federal law. 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 contribution plans (“Participant Rollovers”).

Participant Accounts

Each participant’s account is credited or charged with the Participant’s contributions, investment income and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, specific participant transactions or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s account balance.

Vesting

Participants are always fully vested in their participant deferral and rollover contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)

Payment of Benefits

Participants may take an in-service withdrawal from their deferral and rollover accounts due to financial hardship. Participants may also take an in-service withdrawal from their vested accounts upon reaching the age of 59½. Upon termination of service, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of his or her vested account balance. If a participant's vested account is less than \$1,000, the entire account balance will be paid in a lump sum to the participant.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range up to five years (or longer for the purchase of a primary residence). Participants are allowed only one loan outstanding at any given time. Loans are secured by the balance in the Participant's account and bear interest at a rate equal to the prime rate plus 1% determined at the time the loan is taken. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Plan Administration

The Employer is the Plan administrator and has the authority to appoint person(s) or entities to carry out the operations of the Plan. Empower Trust Company, LLC is the custodian of the Plan.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Investments, Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. 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. Contract value is the relevant measurement for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the custodians.

ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Investments, Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (Continued)

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the Plan year.

Benefits Paid

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance 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 June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Plan Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Employer. Expenses that are paid by the Employer are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could vary from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

The Employer has evaluated subsequent events through April 11, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No other significant matters were identified for disclosure during the evaluation.

ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3 - Information Certified by Custodians

The following is a summary of the unaudited information regarding the Plan as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended June 30, 2023, included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule, that was prepared by, or derived from information prepared by the Custodians of the Plan and furnished to the Plan administrator. The mutual funds are held by the Plan's Custodian, Empower Trust Company, LLC ("ETC"). The Capital Preservation Fund is held by the Plan's Custodian, EAIC (formerly known as Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company), pursuant to a power of attorney from MassMutual. The fair values of the mutual funds as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 and all investment transactions of the mutual funds, including interest and dividend income and net appreciation for the year ended June 30, 2023, are reported to the Plan and certified as complete and accurate by ETC. The contract value of the Capital Preservation Fund as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 and interest income for the year ended June 30, 2023 is reported to the Plan and certified as complete and accurate by EAIC.

Note 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 I) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level III). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level I – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level II – Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level II input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level III – Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The asset or liability's 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 observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2023 and 2022.

ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Mutual Funds

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

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2023			
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 2,081,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,081,125
Total	\$ 2,081,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,081,125

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2022			
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 1,789,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,789,295
Total	\$ 1,789,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,789,295

Note 5 - Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contract

The Plan holds a traditional investment contract issued by MassMutual in a Capital Preservation Account. The contract meets the definition of a fully benefit-responsive investment contract. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the Plan. Contract value represents contributions plus credited interest less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting interest rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 1 percent. The average interest rate credited to participants was 2.75% and 1.65% as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Participants must provide 31 days' notice prior to receiving a distribution. The Plan sponsor must provide 30 days' notice to the contract issuer prior to contract termination and must elect a payout method. There are three contract termination options including: (1) an annuity purchase option in which annuities are purchased on behalf of the participants, (2) a lump-sum payment option that may be deferred up to 12 months and will be paid no sooner than 20 days after notice of termination, or (3) an installment payment option with 6 annual installments with the first payment on the termination date.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 5 - Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contract (Continued)

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk or the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rate is reviewed on a periodic basis for resetting. The guaranteed investment contract does not allow the crediting interest rate to be below zero percent.

The contract value of the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contract at June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$119,695 and \$141,828, respectively.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) the complete or partial termination of the Plan, (2) the establishment or activation of, or material change in, any Plan investment fund, or an amendment to the Plan or a change in the administration or operation of the Plan, including the removal of a group of employees from Plan coverage as a result of the sale or liquidation of a subsidiary or division or as a result of group layoffs or early retirement programs, or (3) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with Plan participants are probable of occurring.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and that would also limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

The Capital Preservation account does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement unless the Plan is not in compliance with the investment agreement.

Note 6 - Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Market risks include global events such as an international conflict, which could impact the value of investment securities. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values 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 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Note 7 - Related-Party Transactions and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Plan investments include a guaranteed interest account managed by affiliates of MassMutual. MassMutual is a recordkeeper as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. For the Plan year ended June 30, 2023, a total of \$300 of administrative expenses was incurred by the Plan and paid to MassMutual.

ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 8 - Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Employer may determine.

Note 9 - Tax Status

The Plan has adopted the Empower Retirement, LLC Volume Submitter 403(b) plan document. The prototype plan has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") to be tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") Section 403(b). The most recent favorable opinion letter from the IRS was received by the prototype plan sponsor, dated April 7, 2021. The Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter; however, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Supplemental Schedule

ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

(E.I.N. 23-7451423 - Plan Number 002)

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

June 30, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Cost	Value Current
	Northern Bond Index Fund	Mutual Fund		\$ 362,640
	Amrcn Fnds 2020 Trgt Dt Ret Fd	Mutual Fund		225,628
*	MM S&P 500(R) Index R5	Mutual Fund		219,583
	MFS Conservative Allocation Fd	Mutual Fund		171,386
	Fidelity Contrafund	Mutual Fund		158,237
	Columbia Dividend Income Fund	Mutual Fund		146,678
	Columbia Small Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund		141,760
	Northern Mid Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund		113,489
	Amrcn Fnds 2045 Trgt Dt Ret Fd	Mutual Fund		100,620
	Fidelity Adv Intl Cap App Fd	Mutual Fund		95,079
	Invesco Developing Markets Fd	Mutual Fund		86,917
	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund		80,639
	iShares MSCI EAFE International Index A	Mutual Fund		76,902
	Janus Henderson Balanced Fd	Mutual Fund		63,819
	Amrcn Fnds 2040 Trgt Dt Ret Fd	Mutual Fund		35,929
*	MassMutual Equity Opps Fd	Mutual Fund		1,382
	Invesco Small Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund		222
	Allspring Spec Mid Cp Val Fd	Mutual Fund		215
*	Capital Preservation Account	Group Annuity Contract		<u>119,695</u>
				\$ <u><u>2,200,820</u></u>

* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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Advocates, Inc. 403(b) Plan
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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
IRDCTX			17,027.74	225,628.25
IRDGTX			14,238.53	35,929.39
IRDHTX			27,209.33	100,619.75
IMACNX			12,585.00	171,386.48
IMDIIX			5,080.32	76,902.34
IFCPAX			154.63	95,079.42
IODMAX			4,101.39	86,917.11
ICXXRX			19,782.86	141,760.04
IVSCAX			166.26	221.55
IJMGQX			2,970.83	80,639.15
INOMIX			12,773.35	113,488.53
IWFPAX			164.61	215.72
ILBSAX			8,686.82	146,677.85
IFCNTX			16,451.95	158,236.62
IMIEZX			52,098.80	219,583.25
IMMFVX			1,123.73	1,381.54
IJABAX			3,981.29	63,818.73
INOBXX			21,373.53	362,640.49
ICGPYQ0		2.750	115,978.01	119,037.31
			335,948.98	2,200,163.52
FORFEITURES			657.18	657.18

Attachment to Form 5500, Schedule H, Part 4, Item I
EIN # 237451423

LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:	
IRDCTX	American Funds 2020 Trgt Date Retire R4
IRDHTX	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R4
IMDIIX	iShares MSCI EAFE International Index A
IODMAX	Invesco Developing Markets A
IVSCAX	Invesco Small Cap Value A
INOMIX	Northern Mid Cap Index
ILBSAX	Columbia Dividend Income A
IMIEZX	MM S&P 500(R) Index R5
IJABAX	Janus Henderson Balanced T
ICGPYQ0	Capital Preservation Account
IRDGTX	American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R4
IMACNX	MFS Conservative Allocation R3
IFCPAX	Fidelity Advisor(R) Intl Capital App A
ICXXRX	Columbia Small Cap Index Instl 2
IJMGQX	JP Morgan Mid Cap Growth R4
IWFPAX	Allspring Special Mid Cap Value A
IFCNTX	Fidelity Contrafund
IMMFVX	MassMutual Equity Opports Adm
INOBXX	Northern Bond Index

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year
CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year



April 11, 2024
Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.
500 Boylston Street,
Boston, MA 02116

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audits of the financial statements of Advocates Inc, 403(b) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

We have elected to have the audits of the plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We acknowledge that the audits did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier, that is regulated, supervised and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, a qualified institution, that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting under ERISA. We have determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. We have also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5 and, that the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information such that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of the date of this letter, the following representations made to you during your audits:

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated December 12, 2023, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements (and disclosures) in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
2. We acknowledge our responsibility for administering the plan and determining the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the ERISA plan financial statements are in conformity with the plan provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements, notes, and supplemental schedule that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
5. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
6. We are responsible for the estimation methods and assumptions used in measuring assets and liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value, including information obtained from brokers, pricing services, or other third parties. Our valuation methodologies have been consistently applied from period to period. The fair value measurements reported or disclosed represent our best estimate of fair value as of the measurement date in accordance with the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurement*. In addition, our disclosures related to fair value measurements are consistent with the objectives outlined in FASB ASC 820.
7. All related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
8. Transactions with parties in interest, as defined in Section 3(14) of ERISA and regulations thereunder, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from, or payable to, related parties have been appropriately disclosed.
9. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
10. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims or assessments.
11. We have no intentions to terminate the plan.



12. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the plan is contingently liable to a bank or another lending institution have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
13. We have properly reported and disclosed amendments to the plan instrument, if any.

14. With respect to the financial statement preparation services performed by you, we have performed the following:
 - a. Made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
 - b. Assigned a competent individual to oversee the services;
 - c. Evaluated the adequacy of the services performed;
 - d. Evaluated and accepted responsibility for the result of the service performed; and
 - e. Established and maintained internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.
15. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of the ERISA-required supplemental schedule in accordance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We believe the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
16. The Plan Sponsor and its affiliates do not have any agreements or relationships with Kreston member firms serving as a professional service provider, investor, lender, director, or otherwise that may impact Mayer Hoffman McCann's independence.

Information Provided

17. We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as financial records and related data, plan instruments, insurance contracts, as applicable, or investments contracts, as applicable, and amendments to such documents entered into during the year;
 - b. The most current plan instrument for the audit period, including all amendments;
 - c. A draft of the Form 5500 that is substantially complete;
 - d. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit;
 - e. Unrestricted access to persons within the plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence; and
 - f. All minutes of the meetings of the board of directors or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
18. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
19. Financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk and financial instruments with concentrations of credit risk have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.

20. The plan has satisfactory title to all owned assets that are recorded at fair value, and all liens, encumbrances, or security interest requiring disclosure in the financial statements have been properly disclosed.
21. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
22. We have provided to you our evaluation of the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern, including significant conditions and events present, and we believe that our use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate.
23. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the plan and involves:
 - a. Management;
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c. Others when the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
24. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the plan's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, participants, regulators, beneficiaries, service providers, third-party administrators, or others.
25. We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
26. There are no other matters (e.g., breach of fiduciary responsibilities, nonexempt transactions, loans or loans in default, or events that may jeopardize the tax status) that must be disclosed.
27. We have disclosed to you the identity of all the plan's related parties and parties in interest and the nature of all the related party and party in interest relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
28. There have been no communications, whether written or oral, with regulatory agencies concerning the operation of the Plan.
29. The plan has complied with all aspects of debt and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
30. All required filings with the appropriate agencies have been made.
31. The plan is qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code and intends to continue as a qualified plan. The plan sponsor has operated the plan or insurance contract in a manner that did not jeopardize this tax status.
32. The plan has complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participants' contributions to the plan.
33. The plan has complied with the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA.
34. There are no:
 - a. Nonexempt party in interest transactions (as defined in ERISA Section 3[l] and regulations under that section) that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedule or financial statements.

- b. Investments in default or considered to be uncollectible that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedule.
 - c. Reportable transactions (as defined in ERISA Section 103[b][3][H] and regulations under that section) that were not disclosed in the supplemental schedule.
35. We have obtained the service auditor's reports from our service organizations Empower and ADP Workforce Now. We have reviewed such reports, including the complementary user controls. We have implemented the relevant user controls, and they were in operation for the year ended June 30, 2023.
36. We have no knowledge of any officer or director of the Plan or Plan Sponsor, or any other person acting under the direction thereof, having taken any action to fraudulently influence, coerce, manipulate, or mislead you during your audits.

ADVOCATES, INC. 403(b) PLAN

Laura Miller

Laura Miller, Director of Benefits and Plan Administrator

Keith Neal

Keith Neal, Chief Financial Officer