Form 5500	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

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

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

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

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

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 07/01/1996

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)
QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION DBA QUEENS DEFENDERS

118-21 QUEENS BLVD
SUITE 212
FOREST HILLS, NY 11375-7209

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0364845

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 718-261-3047

2d Business code (see instructions) 541110

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/01/2024	LORI ZENO
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor 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	**5**	287
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	174
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	219
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	132
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	351
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	1
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	352
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	287
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	298
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2T 3D

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

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

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [ ] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).	2023
Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		

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A Name of plan
QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION DBA QUEENS DEFENDERS

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
27-0364845

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).. . . . . [X] 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)

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(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?
26 27 50	NONE	396275	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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(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?
13 64	NONE	40935	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☐

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

(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

(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.

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:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)	Financial Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
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D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
27-0364845

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	870620	922931
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	23637	26550
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1498313	1648265
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	192221	150054
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	13106407	15070862
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	15691198	17818662
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	15691198	17818662

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)	922931	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	608749	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	46086	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1577766
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	69321	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	7820	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		77141
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	410087	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		410087
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		1708254
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3773248
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1592940	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		1592940
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		12469
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	40375	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		40375
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1645784
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		2127464
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) [X] 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) [X] 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: CBIZ CPAS P.C. **(2)** EIN: 43-1947695

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	**4a**		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
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 [X] 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)	Retirement Plan Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan
QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION DBA QUEENS DEFENDERS

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
27-0364845

Part I Distributions

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

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): 45-0140105 _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part III Amendments

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (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 _____

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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 _____

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a Name of contributing employer

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*

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

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

14 Enter the number of 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: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ 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. ☐ 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) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%

High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

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._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☒ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702774A .

QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN

Financial Statements
and Supplementary Information
(Together with Independent Auditors' Report)

Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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CBIZ CPAs

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Queens Law Associates Not-For-Profit Corporation d/b/a Queens Defenders as Sponsor of the Queens Law Associates 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed the audits of the financial statements of Queens Law Associates 401(k) 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 December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, 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 a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the years then ended, 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 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).

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 certification, 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 Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023 and Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 schedules, 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 schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules 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).

CBIZ CPAs P.C.[1]

New York, NY
October 7, 2024

[1] In certain jurisdictions, CBIZ CPAs P.C. operates under its previous name, Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value (Notes 2C, 3 and 4)	$ 16,719,127	$ 14,604,721
Receivables:		
Participant contributions receivable	26,551	23,637
Notes receivable from participants (Notes 1G and 2D)	150,054	192,221
Profit-sharing contributions receivable (Note 1B)	922,931	870,620
	$ 1,099,536	$ 1,086,478
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 17,818,663	$ 15,691,199

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	**2023**	**2022**
Investment activity (Notes 2C and 3):		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	$ 1,708,254	$ (3,075,611)
Interest and dividends	479,408	464,082
Total investment activity	2,187,662	(2,611,529)
Interest income on notes receivable from participants (Note 3)	7,820	7,428
Profit-sharing contributions receivable (Note 1B)		
Participants	608,749	572,188
Employer	922,931	870,620
Rollovers	46,086	34,809
Total contributions	1,577,766	1,477,617
Total additions (deductions)	3,773,248	(1,126,484)
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Distributions to participants (Notes 1F and 2E)	1,592,940	332,812
Deemed distributions (Notes 1F and 2E)	12,469	8,129
Administrative expenses (Notes 2F and 5)	40,375	38,120
Total deductions	1,645,784	379,061
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	2,127,464	(1,505,545)
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of Year	15,691,199	17,196,744
End of Year	$ 17,818,663	$ 15,691,199

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Queens Law Associates 401(k) Plan, (the "Plan") provides only general information. Readers should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

A. **General** – The Plan, a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Queens Law Associates Not-For-Profit Corporation d/b/a Queens Defenders (the "Sponsor"), was established on July 1, 1996, and subsequently restated and amended as of January 1, 2018, and May 1, 2020 and then restated January 1, 2023, to qualify as a profit-sharing plan under Section 401(a) and provide for a 401(k) option under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), and subsequent amendments.

B. **Contributions**

Elective Deferrals Including Roth 401(k) Deferrals

Each year, participants may elect to make pre-tax or Roth 401(k) deferrals of their total compensation, to be deducted each pay period, up to the maximum amount allowed under the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") rules. Participants who have attained age 50 or older before the end of the Plan year, and are making maximum contributions, are eligible to make catch-up contributions, up to the maximum as permitted by the IRC.

Safe- Harbor Contributions

Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan Sponsor makes a safe-harbor contribution of 3% of compensation to the Plan to eligible participants. For the year ended December 31, 2022 only, the Plan Sponsor made a 4% safe-harbor contribution to eligible participants.

Employer Profit-Sharing Contributions

Each year the Sponsor may make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution to the participants' accounts.

Rollover Contributions

The Plan accepts rollovers from another qualified retirement plan or an IRA.

C. **Eligibility** – Employees who are at least 18 years of age, and do not fall under any of the excluded employee categories, are eligible to participate in the Plan. Excluded employee categories are non-resident aliens who do not receive any compensation from U.S. sources, and leased employees. To participate in profit-sharing contributions, the employee must be either employed on the last day of the Plan year, or if terminated prior to the Plan year end, be credited with at least 500 hours of service. The entry date for profit-sharing contributions is defined as the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date requirements are met.

D. **Participant Accounts** – Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) any Sponsor discretionary matching and or profit-sharing contributions, and (b) Plan earnings (losses), and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses.

E. **Vesting** – Participants are immediately vested in their elective basic contributions plus actual earning thereon. Participants are also immediately 100% vested in any Sponsor discretionary contributions.

Effective January 1, 2023, vesting in the Sponsor's discretionary contributions portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is vested 100% after two years of service. Therefore, effective January 1, 2023, the Plan has a forfeiture account.

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

F. **Payments of Benefits** – On termination of service, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution. Partial withdrawals or installments are only permitted for participants or beneficiaries who must receive a required minimum distribution. The Plan provides that distributions of amounts in excess of $5,000 require participant consent. For termination of service due to death, distributions will be made within five years of death for all beneficiaries. Hardship distributions are permitted from all participant accounts. In-service distributions are permitted to participants who have not separated from service upon attaining the age of 59 ½.

G. **Notes Receivable from Participants** – Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their account balance and a participant may only have one loan outstanding at any time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that range from 3.25% to 9.5%, which is commensurate with interest rates charged for similar types of loans by other lenders, as determined by the Plan administrator, and are generally payable in installments over periods ranging from one to five years (unless the loan is used for the purchase of a primary residence, in which case the repayment period may be up to ten years). Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

H. **Forfeited Accounts -** Any forfeiture amounts will be used to pay reasonable Plan expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2023, and as of December 31, 2023 there were no forfeited account balances.

I. **Regulatory Compliance Effecting Retirement Plans —** The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE 1.0 Act) became law on December 20, 2019. The SECURE Act made major changes to the Required Minimum Distribution ("RMD") rules, increasing the age from 70 ½ to 72 to participants over 72 after January 1, 2020. Plans were required to be formally amended for certain other changes if adopted on or before the last day of the 2023 plan year.

The SECURE Act 2.0 (SECURE 2.0) was signed into law in December 2022, delivering dozens of new retirement-related provisions. These changes build on the original SECURE Act of 2019, which altered the rules around how employees can save and withdraw money from their retirement accounts. SECURE 2.0 further increased the age of RMDs, increased the catch-up contributions for older workers and required automatic enrollment for new plans. The SECURE 2.0 Act increased the age at which individuals must begin taking RMDs to 73 from 72, beginning January 1, 2023, as well as other increases starting in 2030. The SECURE 2.0 Act increases the limit for catch-up contributions for individuals ages 60 to 63, effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

In addition, the SECURE 1.0 Act and further by the SECURE 2.0 Act lowered the eligibility requirements to enable part-time workers to participate in 401(k) plans. These rules for long-term, part-time workers are expanded to apply to ERISA 403(b) plans, as well. The SECURE 2.0 Act changes the eligibility requirements under 401(k) so that it is easier for part-time employees to participate in them. The enacted law, the SECURE 1.0 Act, allows plans to limit eligibility for participation of part-time employees who reach the later of: (1) age 21 or completion of one 12-month period in which the employee worked at least 1,000 hours (pre-SECURE 1.0 Act rule); or (2) three consecutive years of service with 500 or more hours in each year. Under the SECURE 2.0 Act, a plan must allow a part-time employee to participate if the employee has either satisfied the above rule #1, or if the employee has completed two consecutive 12-month periods in which the employee worked at least 500 hours in each one of the two periods and reached age 21 by the end of the second 12-month period.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. **Basis of Accounting** – The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

B. **Use of Estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition** – Investments are reported at fair 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. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, a fair value hierarchy prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three levels, as described in Note 4.

   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 (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

D. **Notes Receivable from Participants** – Notes receivable form 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 December 31, 2023 and 2022. A loan that is considered in default is reported as a deemed distribution, which is a taxable event for the participant.

E. **Payment of Benefits** – Benefits are recorded when paid.

F. **Expenses** – Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Sponsor. The Sponsor pays certain expenses related to the Plan, which are excluded from these financial statements. The administrative expenses charged by Alerus Financial, N.A. ("Alerus") are paid directly by the Plan Sponsor on a quarterly basis. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in the administrative expenses in the accompanying financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS – INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE CUSTODIAN AS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE

As noted in the independent auditors' report, the Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") *Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure* under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the following information was certified as complete and accurate by Alerus, the custodian of the Plan, and was not subjected to any auditing procedures performed by the independent auditors except for comparing such information to information included in the Plan's financial statements.

Investments consist of the following as of December 31:

	2023	2022
Investments, at fair value	$ 16,719,127	$ 14,604,721

Investment activity consists of the following for the years ended December 31:

	2023	2022
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	$ 1,708,254	$ (3,075,611)
Interest and dividends	479,408	464,082
Total investment activity	$ 2,187,662	$ (2,611,529)

Notes receivables from participants of $150,054 and $192,221 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and interest income on notes receivable from participants of $7,820 and $7,428, for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, have also been certified by the custodian.

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 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820 are described as follows:

Level 1 - 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 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets or liability; 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 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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 used need to 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 December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Money Market Funds
Money market funds are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Money market funds held by the Plan are for investments and benefit payments.

Mutual Funds
Mutual funds are 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:

December 31, 2023

	Level 1	Total
Money Market Funds	$ 1,648,265	$ 1,648,265
Mutual Funds	15,070,862	15,070,862
Total Investments at Fair Value	$ 16,719,127	$ 16,719,127

December 31, 2022

	Level 1	Total
Money Market Funds	$ 1,498,313	$ 1,498,313
Mutual Funds	13,106,408	13,106,408
Total Investments at Fair Value	$ 14,604,721	$ 14,604,721

NOTE 5 – RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 are money market funds managed by Alerus. Alerus is the custodian of the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Net appreciation (depreciation) and interest earned by the Plan are net of fees charged by Alerus. Fees paid by the Plan to Alerus amounted to $40,375 and $38,120 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

NOTE 6 – TAX STATUS

On June 30, 2020, the IRS stated that the non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing/money purchase plan adopted by the Plan, as than designed, qualifies under IRC Section 401(a). The Plan has not received a determination letter specified to the Plan itself; however, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan was designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that, more likely than not, would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. Plan management and the Plan administrator have analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and have concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 7 – PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Sponsor has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, the balance of participant accounts will be distributed in a lump sum.

NOTE 8 – 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. 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 9 – PROFIT-SHARING CONTRIBUTION RECEIVABLE

Profit-sharing contributions receivable of $922,931 and $870,620 as of December 31, 2023, and 2022, respectively, represents the employer matching and profit-sharing contributions which were remitted to the Plan in the following year.

NOTE 10 – DELINQUENT EMPLOYEE DEFERRAL REMITTANCES

In accordance with the DOL's Regulation 2510.3102, an employer is required to segregate participants' contributions from its general assets as soon as practical, but in no event later than the 15th business day following the end of the month in which amounts are contributed by participants or withheld from their wages for a pension benefit plan such as the 401 (k) Plan. In 2022, the Sponsor failed to timely remit three payments totaling to $75,666 for participant contributions withheld during the year ended December 31, 2022. During 2023, the Plan Sponsor remitted any lost earnings to the affected participants.

NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated, for potential recognition and disclosure, events subsequent to the statement of net assets available for benefits date through October 7, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a – SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
EIN NO: 27-0364845
PLAN NO. 001
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan	Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				
Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments Are Included	Date of Prohibited Transaction	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program ("VFCP")	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and Prohibited Transaction Exemption ("PTE") 2002-51
X	1/31/2022	$ -	$ 25,094	$ -	$ -
X	2/15/2022	-	25,520	-	-
X	2/28/2022	-	25,052	-	-
		$ -	$ 75,666	$ -	$ -

QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
EIN NO: 27-0364845
PLAN# 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party (b)	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value (c)	Cost ** (d)	Current Value (e)
*	Alerus Money Market Funds	Money Market Funds		$ 1,648,265
	Columbia Convertible Securities Fund Institutional Class	Mutual Funds - Bonds		1,548
	PIMCO International Bond Fund	Mutual Funds - Bonds		513,017
	PIMCO Income Fund Class I-2	Mutual Funds - Bonds		627,620
	PGIM High Yield Fund- Class A	Mutual Funds - Bonds		637,547
	Performance Trust Strategic Bond Fund	Mutual Funds - Bonds		609,417
	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	Mutual Funds - Bonds		674,827
	Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities F	Mutual Funds - Bonds		409,778
	Carillon Scout Small Cap Fund Class I	Mutual Funds - Equity		73,901
	DFA Real Estate Securities Portfolio	Mutual Funds - Equity		653,584
	The Hartford Dividend and Growth Fund R6	Mutual Funds - Equity		259,049
	Invesco QQQ Trust Series 1	Mutual Funds - Equity		73,632
	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		32,982
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral SHS	Mutual Funds - Equity		792,715
	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Funds - Equity		794,657
	Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds - Equity		2,673,698
	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		409,825
	Vanguard Balanced Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Funds - Equity		624,406
	Vanguard Wellesley® Income Fund Admiral	Mutual Funds - Equity		153,906
	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		138,265
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		257,373
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		28,060
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		387,425
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		56,639
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		270,001
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		339,933
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		944,405
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		221,026
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	Mutual Funds - Equity		293,650
	Dimensional Emerging Markets	Mutual Funds - International Equity		84,653
	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Admiral	Mutual Funds - International Equity		715,271
	Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral	Mutual Funds - International Equity		1,318,052
		Total investments		$ 16,719,127
*	Participant loans	Interest rate of 3.25% - 9.5% with maturity dates through 2031	-	$ 150,054

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

** Cost information omitted with respect to participant or beneficiary-directed investments.

Form 5500	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

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

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

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

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

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 07/01/1996

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)
QUEENS LAW ASSOCIATES NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION DBA QUEENS DEFENDERS

118-21 QUEENS BLVD
SUITE 212
FOREST HILLS NY 11375-7209

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0364845

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 718-261-3047

2d Business code (see instructions) 541110

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

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

SIGN HERE	Lori Zeno Signature of plan administrator	10/1/24 Date	Lori Zeno Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Lori Zeno Signature of employer/plan sponsor	10/1/24 Date	Lori Zeno 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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