

Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed 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-SF.

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2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
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 Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] DFVC program [ ] special extension (enter description)
D If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here [ ]
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 BROWNING LAW FIRM PLLC CASH BALANCE PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2022
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) BROWNING LAW FIRM PLLC 802 MULBERRY ST ABILENE, TX 79601
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-4586433
2c Sponsor's telephone number 325-437-3737
2d Business code (see instructions) 541110
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
5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year 2
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year 2
c(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)
c(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year 2
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year 2
e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested 0

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, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, 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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Row 1: Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 07/31/2025, CADE BROWNING. Row 2: Signature of employer/plan sponsor, Date, Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor.

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) .....  Yes  No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) .....  Yes  No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? .....  Yes  No  Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_ (See instructions.)

<b>Part III Financial Information</b>			
<b>7</b> Plan Assets and Liabilities		<b>(a) Beginning of Year</b>	<b>(b) End of Year</b>
<b>a</b> Total plan assets .....	<b>7a</b>	310479	370835
<b>b</b> Total plan liabilities .....	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a) .....	<b>7c</b>	310479	370835
<b>8</b> Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		<b>(a) Amount</b>	<b>(b) Total</b>
<b>a</b> Contributions received or receivable from:			
<b>(1)</b> Employers .....	<b>8a(1)</b>	48708	
<b>(2)</b> Participants .....	<b>8a(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....	<b>8a(3)</b>		
<b>b</b> Other income (loss) .....	<b>8b</b>	11648	
<b>c</b> Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b) .....	<b>8c</b>		60356
<b>d</b> Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits) .....	<b>8d</b>		
<b>e</b> Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	<b>8e</b>		
<b>f</b> Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions) .....	<b>8f</b>		
<b>g</b> Other expenses .....	<b>8g</b>		
<b>h</b> Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g) .....	<b>8h</b>		0
<b>i</b> Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c) .....	<b>8i</b>		60356
<b>j</b> Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions) .....	<b>8j</b>		

<b>Part IV Plan Characteristics</b>	
<b>9a</b>	If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions: 1C 3D
<b>b</b>	If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

<b>Part V Compliance Questions</b>				
<b>10</b> During the plan year:		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>a</b> 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) .....	<b>10a</b>		X	
<b>b</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.) .....	<b>10b</b>		X	
<b>c</b> Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....	<b>10c</b>	X		100000
<b>d</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....	<b>10d</b>		X	
<b>e</b> Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.) .....	<b>10e</b>		X	
<b>f</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....	<b>10f</b>		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.) .....	<b>10g</b>		X	
<b>h</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....	<b>10h</b>		X	
<b>i</b> If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3 .....	<b>10i</b>			

**Part VI Pension Funding Compliance**

**11** Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below.  Yes  No

**a** Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 **11a** 0

**b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**12** Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.  Yes  No

**a** 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.**

**b** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **12b**

**c** Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **12c**

**d** Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **12d**

**e** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?  Yes  No  N/A

**Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets**

**13a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?  Yes  No

**a** If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year. **13a**

**b** Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?  Yes  No

**c** 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.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)

**Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions**

**14a** 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

**14b** 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

**15** 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 02 / 28 / 2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704902A.

<b>SCHEDULE SB</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan</b> <b>Actuarial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**  
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>BROWNING LAW FIRM PLLC CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>BROWNING LAW FIRM PLLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>45-4586433</u>	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

**Part I Basic Information**

<b>1</b>	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
<b>2</b>	Assets:		
	<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	<u>310053</u>
	<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	<u>310053</u>
<b>3</b>	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>c</b> For active participants .....	<u>2</u>	<u>118232</u>
	<b>d</b> Total .....	<u>2</u>	<u>118232</u>
<b>4</b>	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor .....	<b>4b</b>	
<b>5</b>	Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>	<u>4.98 %</u>
<b>6</b>	Target normal cost		
	<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>	<u>112237</u>
	<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	<u>0</u>
	<b>c</b> Target normal cost .....	<b>6c</b>	<u>112237</u>

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**  
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>		
	Signature of actuary	<u>07/28/2025</u> Date
	<u>MITCHELL L. BILBE, F.S.A.</u> Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-06302</u> Most recent enrollment number
	<u>RUDD AND WISDOM, INC.</u> Firm name	<u>512-346-1590</u> Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>9500 ARBORETUM BLVD. SUITE 200 AUSTIN, TX 78759</u> Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

<b>Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	0
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>0.00</u> % .....	0	0
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	<b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		74962
	<b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.04</u> % .....		0
	<b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
	<b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....		74962
	<b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12) .....	0	0

<b>Part III Funding Percentages</b>			
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	131.12 %
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	132.58 %
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	132.58 %
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

<b>Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b>		<b>18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:</b>					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees		
02/21/2025	48708	0					
			<b>Totals ▶</b>	<b>18(b)</b>	48708	<b>18(c)</b>	0

<b>19</b>	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:	
	<b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....	<b>19a</b> 0
	<b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19b</b> 0
	<b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19c</b> 46083
<b>20</b>	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:	
	<b>a</b> Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>b</b> If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>c</b> If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:	
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year		
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd
		(4) 4th

<b>Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost</b>				
<b>21</b> Discount rate:				
<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.96 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
<b>b</b> Applicable month (enter code) .....				<b>21b</b> 0
<b>22</b> Weighted average retirement age .....				<b>22</b> 62
<b>23</b> Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	

<b>Part VI Miscellaneous Items</b>				
<b>24</b> Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
<b>25</b> Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
<b>26</b> Demographic and benefit information				
<b>a</b> Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. .... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
<b>b</b> Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
<b>27</b> If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....				<b>27</b>

<b>Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years</b>				
<b>28</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years .....				<b>28</b> 0
<b>29</b> Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....				<b>29</b> 0
<b>30</b> Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....				<b>30</b> 0

<b>Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year</b>				
<b>31</b> Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):				
<b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c) .....				<b>31a</b> 112237
<b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....				<b>31b</b> 73589
<b>32</b> Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment	
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	0		0	
<b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment.....	0		0	
<b>33</b> If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount .....				<b>33</b>
<b>34</b> Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....				<b>34</b> 38648
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance	
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement .....	0	0	0	
<b>36</b> Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) .....				<b>36</b> 38648
<b>37</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) .....				<b>37</b> 46083
<b>38</b> Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				<b>38a</b> 7435
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances.....				<b>38b</b>
<b>39</b> Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) .....				<b>39</b> 0
<b>40</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years .....				<b>40</b> 0

<b>Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)</b>				
<b>41</b> If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021				

## Browning Law Firm PLLC Cash Balance Plan

EIN/PN: 45-4586433/002

### 2024 Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

#### A. Actuarial Methods

##### 1. Actuarial Funding Method

The Accrued Benefit actuarial funding method is used in developing the contribution requirements of the plan. The actuarial funding method is the procedure by which the actuary annually identifies a series of annual contributions which, along with current assets and future investment earnings, will fund the expected plan benefits. The normal cost for the plan is the sum of the individually determined normal cost for each active participant. Each active participant's normal cost is determined as the present value of benefits that the participant is expected to accrue during the year of valuation.

The plan's current accrued liability is the sum of the individually determined accrued liability for each active participant plus the present value of future benefits for all retirees and vested terminated participants. Each active participant's accrued liability is the present value of all benefits which have accrued as of the valuation date.

The unfunded accrued liability is the amount by which the accrued liability exceeds the current plan assets. The unfunded accrued liability is recalculated each time a valuation is performed and is amortized in level dollar annual contributions in accordance with IRS guidelines.

##### 2. Plan Value of Assets

Assets are valued at fair market value as determined by the plan trustee, including the present value<sup>1</sup> of any receivable contributions made for a prior plan year which were not recognized by the plan trustee, as of the asset valuation date.

<sup>1</sup> Present value is determined using the effective interest rate for the preceding plan year.

#### B. Actuarial Assumptions

1. Mortality: The active, vested terminated and retired participants of the plan are expected to exhibit mortality in accordance with the following published mortality tables:

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| i. Pre-retirement:   | None   |
| ii. Post-retirement: | Optional Combined Static Tables for small plans under Regulation 1.430(h)(3)-1 in effect for 2024 plan years |

No additional future mortality improvement has been assumed other than that used to develop the IRS prescribed mortality table identified above.

2. Withdrawal:  
None

## Browning Law Firm PLLC Cash Balance Plan

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### 2024 Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

3. Interest Rates:

	For purposes of:	
	Minimum Required Contribution under IRC §430 and IRC §436 reflecting Pension Funding Stabilization	Maximum Tax Deductible Contribution under IRC §404
1 <sup>st</sup> Segment Rate	4.75%	4.37%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Segment Rate	4.96%	4.96%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Segment Rate	5.59%	4.95%

The segment rates used in this valuation are consistent with the plan sponsor's election to:

- use the segment rates under IRC Section 430(h)(2)(C) for purposes of determining the Funding Target and Target Normal Cost; and
  - use the month containing the valuation date (i.e., January for a January 1 valuation date) as the applicable month for the segment rates.
4. Earnings Progression: The increase in the levels of participant compensation is assumed to occur at an annual rate of 2.50%.
- Rationale: This assumption is based upon the actuary's review of recent wage growth experience in this plan, adjusted for the actuary's future expectations.
5. Retirement Age: A participant is assumed to retire at the attainment of his normal retirement age (i.e., the later of age 62 or the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of plan participation). Any participant who has attained his expected retirement age and is still working is assumed to retire immediately.
6. Disability: None
7. Expenses: Target Normal Cost is required to be loaded with plan-related expenses expected to be paid from plan assets during the year. These plan-related expenses expected to be paid from plan assets are assumed to be \$0.
8. Recognition of IRC Sections 401(a)(17) and 415(b) Limitations: The limitations under IRC Sections 401(a)(17) and 415(b) have been reflected in the determination of plan costs.
9. Additional At-Risk Assumptions [Treas. Reg. §1.430(i)-1(c)(3)(ii) and (iii)]:
- a. All *participants* who are not otherwise assumed to retire as of the valuation date but who will be eligible to commence an immediate distribution during the plan year and the ten succeeding plan years are assumed to retire at the earliest retirement date (i.e., the earliest date on which a participant can commence receiving an immediate distribution of a *fully vested benefit*) under the plan but not before the end of the plan year for which the At-Risk Funding Target and At-Risk Target Normal Cost are being determined.
  - b. All *participants* are assumed to elect the optional form of benefit available under the plan at the assumed retirement age (determined after application of (i) above) which results in the highest present value of benefits.
10. Form of Payment: Upon separation from service, 100% of pre-retirement eligible participants (or their beneficiary) and 100% of post-retirement eligible participants (or their beneficiary) are assumed to elect the lump sum form of payment.

**SCHEDULE SB  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan  
Actuarial Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

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**2024**

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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

<b>A</b> Name of plan BROWNING LAW FIRM PLLC CASH BALANCE PLAN		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF BROWNING LAW FIRM PLLC		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-4586433	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B		<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

**Part I Basic Information**

<b>1</b> Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>				
<b>2</b> Assets:				
	<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	310,053	
<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	310,053		
<b>3</b> Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target	
	<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	0	0	0
	<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	0	0	0
	<b>c</b> For active participants .....	2	118,232	236,464
<b>d</b> Total .....	2	118,232	236,464	
<b>4</b> If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor .....	<b>4b</b>			
<b>5</b> Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>	4.98%		
<b>6</b> Target normal cost				
	<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>	112,237	
	<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	0	
<b>c</b> Target normal cost .....	<b>6c</b>	112,237		

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Mitchell L. Bilbe, F.S.A.	07/28/2025
	Signature of actuary	Date
MITCHELL L. BILBE, F.S.A.		2306302
Type or print name of actuary		Most recent enrollment number
RUDD AND WISDOM, INC.		512-346-1590
Firm name		Telephone number (including area code)
9500 ARBORETUM BLVD. SUITE 200 AUSTIN TX 78759		
Address of the firm		

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

## Browning Law Firm PLLC Cash Balance Plan

EIN/PN: 45-4586433/002

### 2024 Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions

#### 1. Identifying Data

- a. Plan Name: Browning Law Firm PLLC Cash Balance Plan
- b. Type of Plan: Defined benefit (cash balance)
- c. Plan Sponsor: Browning Law Firm PLLC
- d. Plan Year: January 1 - December 31
- e. EIN: 45-4586433
- f. Plan No.: 002
- g. Plan Effective Date: January 1, 2022

#### 2. Participation

- a. Minimum Age: 21
- b. Maximum Age at Hire: none
- c. Service: 1 year of service where 1,000 hours in 12-month period is one year
- d. Eligible Employee: all employees
- e. Entry Date: upon satisfaction of the above eligibility criteria entry shall be the January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1 coincident with or next following
- f. All participants who satisfy the accrual requirements will receive an accrual under the plan and no employee may waive out of participation.

#### 3. Contributions

- a. Participant: none required or allowed
- b. Employer: all amounts necessary to adequately finance plan benefits

#### 4. Eligibility for Retirement

- a. Normal Retirement: the later of (a) age 62 or (b) the fifth anniversary of the first day of the plan year in which the participant commenced participation in the plan
- b. Early Retirement: none
- c. Disability Retirement: none

#### 5. Retirement Benefit Amounts

- a. Contribution Credits: each year, Eligible Participants will be credited with a Contribution Credit under the Plan based on their Employee Group at the end of the year. The following Contribution Credit will be credited for the following Employee Groups:

Group	Description	Contribution Credit
A	Owners	\$149,000, but not to exceed 100% of Plan Compensation
B	All Other Employees	4.5% of Plan Compensation

- b. Interest Credits: in addition to the Contribution Credits, each Participant's Cash Balance Account will be credited with a specified Interest Credit based on the value of the Cash Balance Account as of the end of each Plan Year. The Interest Credit will not exceed a "market rate of return." For this purpose, the Interest Credit under the Plan is equal to 3.0%.
- c. Year of Accrual Service: Participants must complete at least 1,000 Hours of Service to earn a Contribution Credit for a plan year.
- d. Plan Compensation: wages as reported on Form W-2, including pre-tax deferrals made to any other eligible employer plans.
- e. Late Retirement: participants that retire after Normal Retirement Age will continue to accrue

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additional benefits under the Plan. The Normal Retirement Benefit as of the end of any Plan Year beginning after Normal Retirement Age is the greater of (1) the Participant's Accrued Benefit, calculated taking into account compensation and Years of Benefit Service as of the end of such Plan Year or (2) the Accrued Benefit determined as of the end of the prior Plan Year, actuarially increased to an actuarially equivalent benefit as of the end of the current Plan Year.

- f. Early Retirement: none (i.e., same as termination of employment)
- g. Disability: none (i.e., same as termination of employment)

#### 6. Normal Form of Monthly Payment

Life Only annuity if not married; Joint and 50% Contingent Annuitant if married (the Joint and Contingent annuity is actuarially equivalent to the normal form for non-married participants).

#### 7. Optional Forms of Payment

Other optional forms of payment actuarially equivalent to the Normal Form of monthly payment for non-married participants are available, subject to applicable spousal consent requirements. Optional forms of payment include:

Lump Sum

#### 8. Vested Termination Benefits

- a. Benefit: entitlement to vested percentage of accrued normal retirement benefit
- b. A participant becomes 100% vested upon death, disability, termination of the plan or the attainment of Normal Retirement Age. Otherwise, Participants must complete three (3) Years of Vesting Service to become 100% vested and become 50% vested after completion of two (2) Years of Vesting Service.
- c. Year of Vesting Service: vesting service is credited for each plan year in which employees work at least 1,000 hours, excluding any service earned prior to the effective date of the plan and any service earned prior to age 18.
- d. Accrued Normal Retirement Benefit: the monthly benefit that a participant has accrued before reaching normal retirement age payable in the normal form of payment beginning at normal retirement age; the amount of the accrued benefit is determined when a participant terminates his employment and is actuarially equivalent to the participant's Cash Balance Account.
- e. Upon attainment of Normal Retirement Age, distribution can be made to a terminated Participant without consent.

#### 9. Pre-retirement Death Benefits

Payment of benefit which is actuarially equivalent to present value of accrued normal retirement benefit; form of payment and beneficiary selected are subject to applicable surviving spouse consent requirements.

#### 10. Basis of Actuarial Equivalence

Except with respect to any portion of the accrued benefit required solely by the operation of top-heavy requirements, by definition, the hypothetical account balance is equal to the present value of the accrued benefit and vice versa.

For purposes of converting the hypothetical account balance to a monthly benefit commencing at Normal Retirement Age in the Normal Form of Payment, 3.0% Interest and the Applicable Mortality Table under the IRC §417(e) at the date of distribution.

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11. TEFRA Top Heavy Provisions

- a. Minimum Accrued Benefit: 2% of a 5-year average of 415 compensation per each year plan is top heavy up to 10 years
- b. Minimum Vesting Schedule: 100% after three years
- c. Defined Benefit Plan/Defined Contribution Plan coordination - In the event the aggregated testing group is top heavy, the employer makes contributions to its defined contribution plan sufficient to satisfy the top heavy requirements for both plans.

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**2024 Schedule SB, Line 25 – Changes in Actuarial Method**

Reflected in this valuation are revised actuarial funding methods from the prior valuation as follows:

<b>Method</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
<b>Valuation Date</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>January 1</b>

The above change received automatic IRS approval under IRS Rev. Proc. 2017-56.

In addition, whenever there is a change in the plan actuary, it is deemed to be a method change. This change received automatic approval from the IRS in accordance with IRS Announcement 2010-3 because Rudd and Wisdom, Inc. was able to reproduce the prior actuary's 2023 valuation results within permitted thresholds.

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**2024 Schedule SB, Line 24 – Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Reflected in this valuation is a revised non-prescribed assumptions from the prior valuation as follows:

<b>Assumption</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
<b>Earnings Progression</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>2.50%</b>

This change was made to reflect the enrolled actuary's best expectations of future plan experience.