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| Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500. | OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <div style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2024</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| Part I | Annual Report Identification Information |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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.)

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.

D Check box if filing under: 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.

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| Part II | Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information |
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| 1a Name of plan <u>UFCW LOCAL 1459 & CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS LEGAL BENEFIT FUND</u> | 1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>501</u> |
| 2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>UFCW L. 1459 & CONTR. EMPLOYERS LEGAL BENEFIT FUND</u> <u>8 FAIRFIELD BLVD. SUITE 105</u> <u>WALLINGFORD, CT 06492</u> | 1c Effective date of plan <u>03/31/1983</u> 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-2507618</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>413-733-1197</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>445110</u> |

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

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

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/02/2025 | JEFFREY JONES |
| | 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 |

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN | |
| | 3c Administrator's telephone number | |
| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN | |
| | 4d PN | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 2034 |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6a(1) | 2034 |
| | 6a(2) | 1861 |
| | 6b | |
| | 6c | |
| | 6d | 1861 |
| | 6e | |
| | 6f | |
| | 6g(1) | |
| 6g(2) | | |
| 6h | | |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | 7 | 7 |

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

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) |
| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |

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

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| a Pension Schedules | b General Schedules |
| (1) <input type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____ |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ | (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information) | (5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) |
| | (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules) |

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 _____

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| SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| A Name of plan UFCW LOCAL 1459 & CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS LEGAL BENEFIT FUND | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 501 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 UFCW L. 1459 & CONTR. EMPLOYERS LEGAL BENEFIT FUND | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-2507618 | |

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

AKMAN & ASSOCIATES

52-1358406

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 29 50 | NONE | 65837 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

NOVAK FRANCELLA, LLC

61-1436956

| (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? |
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| 10 50 | NONE | 8750 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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06-1065206

| (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? |
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| 13 50 | NONE | 8475 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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.

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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (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. | |
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| (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. | |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (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. | |
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
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| c Position: | |
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Explanation:

**SCHEDULE H
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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.**

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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

| Assets | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | |
| c General investments: | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | 79980 |
| (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) | |
| (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) | |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | |
| (15) Other | 1c(15) | |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | | |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 58390 | 79980 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | 13351 | 25640 |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | 1446 | 3840 |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | | |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 14797 | 29480 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 43593 | 50500 |

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 |
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| a Contributions: | | | |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers..... | 2a(1)(A) | 102086 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 102086 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 172 | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | |
| c Other income | 2c | | |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2d | | 102258 |

Expenses

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| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers..... | 2e(1) | 78126 | |
| (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) | | 78126 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)..... | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense..... | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 8475 | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | 8750 | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| (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) | | 17225 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j | | 95351 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--|------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | 6907 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan..... | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

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

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

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

(1) Name: **NOVAK FRANCELLA, LLC**

(2) EIN: **61-1436956**

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.) | | 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.) | | 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.) | | 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.) | | X | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | X | | 250000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | | 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? | | 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? | | 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.) | 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.) | | 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? | | X | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | | | |
| 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. | | | |

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

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

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

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 _____.

**UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS'
UNION LOCAL 1459 AND CONTRIBUTING
EMPLOYERS' LEGAL BENEFIT FUND**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

**UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS'
UNION LOCAL 1459 AND CONTRIBUTING
EMPLOYERS' LEGAL BENEFIT FUND**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the
United Food and Commercial Workers' Union
Local 1459 and Contributing Employers'
Legal Benefit Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the United Food and Commercial Workers' Union Local 1459 and Contributing Employers' Legal Benefit Fund (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits and benefit obligations as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and benefit obligations for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits and benefit obligations of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits and benefit obligations for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 Auditor's 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 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.

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 for one year after the date the financial statements are 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 auditor's 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 the 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.

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.

Report on Supplemental Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year represent supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits 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.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental 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 information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Novak Francella LLC

Killingworth, Connecticut
October 10, 2025

**UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS' UNION
LOCAL 1459 AND CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS'
LEGAL BENEFIT FUND**

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AND BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| INVESTMENTS - at fair value | | |
| Cash equivalents | <u>\$ 79,980</u> | <u>\$ 58,390</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accrued expenses | <u>3,840</u> | <u>1,446</u> |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | 76,140 | 56,944 |
| BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS | | |
| Legal benefits payable | <u>25,640</u> | <u>13,351</u> |
| EXCESS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS OVER BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS | <u><u>\$ 50,500</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 43,593</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS' UNION
LOCAL 1459 AND CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS'
LEGAL BENEFIT FUND**

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AND BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| ADDITIONS | | |
| Interest | \$ 172 | \$ 141 |
| Contributions | | |
| Employer contributions | 102,086 | 101,022 |
| Total additions | 102,258 | 101,163 |
| DEDUCTIONS | | |
| Benefits paid | 65,837 | 73,008 |
| Administrative expenses | | |
| Audit | 8,750 | 8,750 |
| Third party administrator fees | 8,475 | 8,663 |
| Insurance | - | 2,432 |
| Total deductions | 83,062 | 92,853 |
| NET INCREASE IN ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | 19,196 | 8,310 |
| NET INCREASE IN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS | | |
| Increase during the year attributable to: | | |
| Legal benefits | 12,289 | 6,425 |
| INCREASE IN EXCESS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS OVER BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS | 6,907 | 1,885 |
| EXCESS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS OVER BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS | | |
| Beginning of year | 43,593 | 41,708 |
| End of year | \$ 50,500 | \$ 43,593 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS' UNION
LOCAL 1459 AND CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS'
LEGAL BENEFIT FUND**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the United Food and Commercial Workers' Union Local 1459 and Contributing Employers' Legal Benefit Fund (the Plan) is provided for general information only. Participants should refer to the Plan Trust Agreement and benefit Plan booklet for more complete information.

General - The United Food and Commercial Workers' Union Local 1459 and Contributing Employers' Legal Benefit Fund is a multi-employer, jointly administered, collectively bargained, noncontributory plan for the benefit of eligible employees. The Plan has been designed as a group legal services plan within the meaning of Section 120 of the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Eligibility - Participants must be employed by a participating employer who has signed a collective bargaining agreement with the Union and will maintain eligibility as long as employed by a participating employer. In addition, the spouse and children of the participant may be eligible to also receive legal service benefits based on the summary plan description.

Contributions - Employer contributions are received monthly by the Plan pursuant to the respective collective bargaining and participation agreements between the Union and the participating employers. Employer contributions are accounted as exchange transactions.

Benefits - Benefits provided to eligible participants are for covered legal expenses pursuant to the benefit plan booklet. Participants achieve eligibility on a month-to-month basis. Benefits are administered by a third-party administrator who charges the Plan a monthly fee based on the number of eligible participants.

Plan Termination - Although they have not expressed any intent to do so, the Trustees of the Plan have the right to terminate, suspend, withdraw, amend or modify the Plan in whole or in part, at any time. In the event the Plan is terminated, the Trustees shall determine the disposition of the assets, provided that any distribution is made solely for the benefit of the former participants and for the purposes set forth in the Trust Agreement, in accordance with ERISA. Any legal services initiated before the plan termination will continue for a period of not less than 60 days.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting - The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investments - Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell or transfer an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Investments consist of a business money market account.

Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

Reference Note 6.

Credit Risk - The Plan maintains its cash with a financial institution deemed to be credit worthy. Cash balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 in a single bank. As of December 31, 2024, there were no cash deposits in excess of FDIC coverage.

Revenue Recognition - Contribution revenues are recognized when they are due to the Plan from each employer. Contributions come due at the beginning of each month and cover the entire month. If contributions for a month are not received by the end of that month, they are recorded as contributions receivable.

Legal Benefit Expenses and Obligations - The Plan is contracted with a third-party service provider to provide its participants with legal services. The Plan pays the service provider at a contractual rate. Legal benefits are recorded when paid to the service provider. The legal benefit obligation at year end represents amounts currently payable to the third-party service provider providing legal services to the participants for services rendered as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan paid certain expenses related to plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. These transactions are party in interest transactions under ERISA.

NOTE 4. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Plan by a letter, dated June 5, 1990, that the Trust agreement established under the Plan has qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code. Plan management believes that the Trust has continued to meet all requirements necessary to maintain its tax-exempt status. Accordingly, no provision for federal income tax is required.

NOTE 4. TAX STATUS (continued)

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that, more likely than not, would not be sustained upon examination by the U.S. Federal, state, or local taxing authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. Typically, plan tax years will remain open for three years; however, this may differ depending upon the circumstances of the Plan.

NOTE 5. CONCENTRATIONS

Contributions received from 2 employers comprised 60% and 28% of total contributions in 2024.

NOTE 6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

Basis of Fair Value Measurement:

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such assets and liabilities pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE 6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

Business Money Market account: Fair value is estimated to approximate the cost basis of the money market account balance, based upon the liquidity of the account and the credit quality of the issuer.

Because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuations of the investments noted above, the estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for these investments existed, and the difference could be material.

The following table presents assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2024:

| | Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2024 | | | |
|------------------|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Cash equivalents | \$ 79,980 | \$ 79,980 | \$ - | \$ - |
| | <u>\$ 79,980</u> | <u>\$ 79,980</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

The following table presents assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2023:

| | Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2023 | | | |
|------------------|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Cash equivalents | \$ 58,390 | \$ 58,390 | \$ - | \$ - |
| | <u>\$ 58,390</u> | <u>\$ 58,390</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

NOTE 7. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

| | December 31, | |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements | \$ 76,140 | \$ 56,944 |
| Less: Benefit obligations currently payable | <u>(25,640)</u> | <u>(13,351)</u> |
| Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500 | <u>\$ 50,500</u> | <u>\$ 43,593</u> |

NOTE 7. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500 (continued)

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

| | <u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2024</u> |
|--|---|
| Legal benefits paid to participants per the financial statements | \$ 65,837 |
| Add: Amounts currently payable December 31, 2024 | 25,640 |
| Less: Amounts currently payable at December 31, 2023 | <u>(13,351)</u> |
| Legal benefits paid to participants per the Form 5500 | <u>\$ 78,126</u> |

NOTE 8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 10, 2025 the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and they have been evaluated in accordance with relevant accounting standards.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS'
UNION LOCAL 1459 AND CONTRIBUTING
EMPLOYERS' LEGAL BENEFIT FUND**

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR

DECEMBER 31, 2024

Form 5500, Schedule H, Item 4i

EIN: 22-2507618
Plan No. 501

| (a) | (b) | (c) | | | (d) | (e) |
|------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Issuer, Borrower | Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value | | | Cost | Current Value | |
| | Type | Shares/ Principal | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | | |
| | <u>Cash equivalents:</u> | | | | | |
| Berkshire Bank | MMKT | - | 0.15 % | | \$ 79,980 | \$ 79,980 |
| | | | | Total investments | <u>\$ 79,980</u> | <u>\$ 79,980</u> |

**THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WILL BE PLACED IN THE
ATTACHMENT FOR THE ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION**

SEE ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION FOR SCHEDULE
OF ASSETS HELD

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

OMB Nos. 1210 - 0110
1210 - 0089

2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

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: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- B** This return/report is: a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____
 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
- D** Check box if filing under: 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 UFCW LOCAL 1459 & CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYERS LEGAL BENEFIT FUND | 1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>501</u> |
| | 1c Effective date of plan <u>03/31/1983</u> |
| 2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) UFCW L. 1459 & CONTR. EMPLOYERS LEGAL BENEFIT FUND | 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-2507618</u> |
| | 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>413-733-1197</u> |
| 8 FAIRFIELD BLVD. SUITE 105 WALLINGFORD CT 06492 | 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>445110</u> |

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

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

| | | | |
|------------------|--|----------------|--|
| SIGN HERE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Jeffrey Jones</i> | <u>10-2-25</u> | JEFFREY JONES |
| | 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.

Form 5500 (2024)
v. 240311

| | |
|--|--|
| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> |
|--|--|

| | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 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 | 2,034 |
|---|----------|-------|

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c, and 6d). a (1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a (2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g (1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) (2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | 6a(1) 6a(2) 6b 6c 6d 6e 6f 6g(1) 6g(2) 6h | 2,034 1,861 1,861 7 |
|--|--|--|

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:

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

4G

| | |
|---|---|
| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
|---|---|

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

| | |
|---|---|
| a Pension Schedules (1) <input type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) - Number Attached _____ (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information) | b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information - Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) - Number Attached _____ (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules) |
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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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 _____