AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors American Bankruptcy Institute Alexandria, Virginia

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Bankruptcy Institute, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Board of Directors American Bankruptcy Institute

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Bankruptcy Institute as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Clifton Larson Allen LLP

Arlington, Virginia April 7, 2017

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

		2016	 2015
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	204,143	\$ 298,480
Investments		18,282,220	19,497,921
Accounts Receivable		186,871	96,630
Due from Related Party		43,342	-
Interest Receivable		27,890	6,077
Contributions Receivable, Net		178,316	108,146
Prepaid Expenses		416,320	307,852
Property and Equipment, Net		132,374	214,835
Deposits		117,371	46,949
Deferred Compensation Plan		108,116	107,042
Deferred compensation risk.			······································
Total Assets	\$	19,696,963	\$ 20,683,932
LIABILITIES AND NET A	SSETS		
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable and Other Obligations	\$	1,017,285	\$ 892,391
CARE Grant Payable			1,000,000
Capital Leases Payable		32,551	33,615
Deferred Revenue		2,286,445	2,514,850
Deferred Rent		859,021	285,173
Deferred Compensation Plan		108,116	 107,042
Total Liabilities		4,303,418	4,833,071
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted:			
Undesignated		6,442,804	7,246,559
Board Designated Reserve		8,643,361	 8,293,529
Total Unrestricted		15,086,165	15,540,088
Temporarily Restricted		307,380	 310,773
Total Net Assets		15,393,545	 15,850,861
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	19,696,963	\$ 20,683,932

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

		2016					20	2015		
		Temporarily					Temp	Temporarily		
	Unrestricted	Restricted		Total	Unrestricted	ed led	Restr	Restricted		Total
KEVENUE										
Conferences and Meetings	\$ 4,728,780	·	_የ	4,728,780	\$ 5,327,103	,103	↔	ı	ς,	5,327,103
Membership Dues	2,570,658			2,570,658	2,650,360	360		1		2,650,360
Publications and Other Income	1,046,631	1		1,046,631	1,019,308	308		1		1,019,308
Investment Income (Loss)	470,320			470,320	6)	(9,291)		1		(9,291)
Contributions	255,431	121,729		377,160	7,712,929	,929		226,970		7,939,899
CARE Program Contributions		1		1		ı		28,720		28,720
Net Assets Released from Restriction	125,122	2 (125,122)	(ı	217	217,215)	(217,215)		ı
Total Revenue	9,196,942	(3,393)		9,193,549	16,917,624	,624		38,475		16,956,099
EXPENSE										
Program Expense:										
Conferences and Meetings	4,714,845			4,714,845	4,745,278	,278		10		4,745,278
Publications and Other Sales	2,303,378	80		2,303,378	2,132,504	,504		10		2,132,504
Membership Services	626,940	- 0		626,940	654	654,552		t		654,552
Research Projects and Grants	365,301			365,301	424	424,748		1		424,748
CARE Program	116,399	6		116,399	1,334,469	,469		1		1,334,469
Total Program Expense	8,126,863	8		8,126,863	9,291,551	,551		1		9,291,551
Supporting Expense:										
General and Administrative	1,119,186	J S		1,119,186	1,083,630	,630		Ē		1,083,630
Membership Development	240,216	9		240,216	277	277,422		ı		277,422
Fundraising	164,600	- 0		164,600	146	146,127		1		146,127
Total Supporting Expense	1,524,002			1,524,002	1,507,179	,179		1		1,507,179
Total Expense	9,650,865	2		9,650,865	10,798,730	,730		ji		10,798,730
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(453,923)	(3,393)		(457,316)	6,118,894	,894		38,475		6,157,369
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	15,540,088	8 310,773		15,850,861	9,421,194	,194		272,298		9,693,492
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 15,086,165	5 \$ 307,380	⋄	15,393,545	\$ 15,540,088	880′	\$	310,773	❖	15,850,861

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	2016		2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		-	
Change in Net Assets	\$ (457,316)	\$	6,157,369
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash			
(Used in) Provided by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation and Amortization	105,209		125,406
Loss on Disposal of Property and Equipment	452		(= ===)
Provision for Bad Debt	262		(3,802)
Discount of Contributions Receivable	1,549		857
Realized Loss (Gain) on Investments	13,449		(5,222)
Unrealized (Gain) Loss on Investments	(168,430)		255,392
(Increase) Decrease in:			
Accounts Receivable	(90,503)		41,563
Due from Related Party	(43,342)		-
Interest Receivable	(21,813)		(1,168)
Contributions Receivable	(71,719)		17,057
Prepaid Expenses	(108,468)		80,994
Deposits	(70,422)		-
Increase (Decrease) in:			
Accounts Payable and Other Obligations	124,894		9,833
CARE Grant Payable	(1,000,000)		1,000,000
Deferred Revenue	(228,405)		(206,186)
Deferred Rent	 573,848		(97,322)
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Operating Activities	(1,440,755)		7,374,771
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			2
Purchases of Investments	(14,291,752)		(20,118,263)
Proceeds on Sales of Investments	15,662,434		12,994,845
Purchases of Property and Equipment	-		(22,041)
Proceeds on Sales of Property and Equipment			3,432
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	1,370,682		(7,142,027)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Principal Payments on Capital Leases Payable	 (24,264)		(24,442)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	 (24,264)		(24,442)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(94,337)		208,302
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	 298,480		90,178
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 204,143	\$	298,480
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
Cash Paid During the Period for Income Taxes	\$ -	\$	29,861
Cash Paid During the Period for Interest	\$ 2,048	\$	3,972
Acquisition of Equipment under Capital Lease	\$ 23,200	\$	16,500

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

American Bankruptcy Institute (the Organization) was founded in 1982 as a non-profit and nonpartisan educational institution. The Organization provides a multi-disciplinary forum for the exchange of ideas and information on insolvency, reorganization, and bankruptcy issues. Through the Organization, accountants, attorneys, bankers, court clerks, consumer specialists, credit managers, finance and insurance executives, judges, legislators, professors, and others pursue mutual business, professional, and academic interests. In fulfillment of its mission to provide information to its members, journalists, Congress and the public, the Organization is engaged in numerous educational and research activities, as well as the production of a number of publications both for the insolvency practitioner and the public.

The Organization's major programs consist of the following:

Conferences and Meetings

The Organization holds two national membership meetings and many regional conferences throughout the year. These meetings offer a concentrated opportunity for the exchange of ideas, discussions of findings among colleagues, and continuing legal education.

Publications and Other Sales

The Organization produces various publications and journals that represent its commitment to the ongoing enhancement of quality education on insolvency topics. Additionally, the Organization maintains a comprehensive internet site covering insolvency issues and providing instant updates on legislation, new filings, Supreme Court cases, bankruptcy filing statistics, and daily bankruptcy news.

Membership Services

The Organization provides ongoing services to its members in order to provide a broad, indepth resource of insolvency issues and related services.

Research Projects and Grants

The Organization provides funding and scholarships to enhance bankruptcy research and education.

CARE Program

The Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) program seeks to educate high school and college students on the responsible use of credit and other fundamentals of financial literacy, as well as the potential consequences of poor money management and credit card abuse. The program was founded by now-retired Western District of New York U.S. Bankruptcy Judge John C. Ninfo II. In December 2012, the original corporation was dissolved and temporarily became a program under the Organization. In order to focus more on the original mission and to distinguish itself for fundraising purposes, CARE reincorporated as a separate corporation in August of 2015.

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Accounting

The Organization prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenue is recognized when earned and expenses when the obligation is incurred.

Basis of Presentation

Net assets and revenue are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets

Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Includes undesignated net assets available for general operations and the Board Designated Reserve, which consists of unrestricted net assets designated by the Board of Directors for research and educational activities.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial statement purposes, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments with initial maturities of ninety days or less to be cash equivalents. From time to time the Organization maintains cash balances which may exceed Federally insured limits. Management does not believe that this results in any significant credit risk.

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value and consist of certificates of deposit, money market funds, mutual funds - bonds, exchange traded funds, equities, and bond securities. Realized and unrealized gains or losses are included in investment income in the statements of activities and changes in net assets.

Fair Value Measurements

The Organization accounts for its financial instruments as well as certain assets and liabilities at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be paid in an orderly transaction, or exit price, between market participants to sell the asset or transfer the liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Fair value is a market based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, and should therefore be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The Organization is required by generally accepted accounting principles to categorize its financial instruments based on a three-level fair value hierarchy. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used to measure the financial instruments fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value of the instrument. Financial instruments recorded on the statements of financial position are categorized based on the inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

Level 1

Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Organization has the ability to access.

Level 2

Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. The Organization has certificates of deposits and various bond securities classified at this level.

Level 3

Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability. The Organization has no investments classified at this level.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of amounts due to the Organization from sponsorships and the sale of advertising space in the American Bankruptcy Institute Journal. The Organization's management periodically reviews the status of these receivables for collectability, which is assessed on management's knowledge of the relationship with the customer and the age of the receivable. Based on these reviews and the nature of the receivables, management believes all accounts receivable are collectible and accordingly has not recorded an allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Contributions Receivable

Contributions receivable consist of pledges individuals or companies have made to the Organization. The face amount of the contributions receivable is reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts reflects the best estimate of probable losses determined principally on the basis of historical experience and specific allowances for known troubled accounts. All accounts or portions thereof that are deemed to be uncollectible or that require an excessive collection cost are written off to the allowance for doubtful accounts (see Note 4).

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment greater than \$2,500 are recorded at the original cost and are being depreciated on a straight-line basis over estimated lives of three to five years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the life of the assets or the remaining period of the lease, whichever is shorter.

CARE Grant

The amount on the statement of financial position represents a promise-to-give for the newly formed CARE entity (see Note 11). Promises-to-give are charged to operations at the time the intent is approved by the board of directors.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue represents members' dues recognized over the applicable membership period or member dues received before the membership period, and income for conferences and meetings received in advance of the event.

Revenue Recognition

Conferences and Meetings

Conferences and meetings revenue is recognized when the event takes place.

Membership Dues

Membership dues are recognized as revenue over the applicable membership period. Membership dues collected in advance are included in deferred revenue.

Publications and Other Sales

Publication and other sales consist of advertising, publication sales and sponsorship revenue and are recognized when the publication is issued.

Contributions

The Organization recognizes all unconditional contributions received as income in the period received or pledged. Unconditional contributions are reported as unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted depending on the absence or existence of donor stipulations that limit the use of the contributions.

When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities and changes in net assets as net assets released from restrictions.

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Use of Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Tax Status

The Organization is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is classified as an organization that is not a private foundation. However, the Organization is subject to tax on its unrelated business income activities (primarily advertising), and recorded expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, of \$- and \$29,861, respectively, for unrelated business income taxes.

The Organization's income tax returns are subject to review and examination by federal and state authorities. The Organization is not aware of any activities that would jeopardize its tax-exempt status.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and changes in net assets. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the 2015 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation in the 2016 financial statements. There was no effect on the change in net assets previously reported.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, management has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition or disclosure in these financial statements through April 7, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 INVESTMENTS

Investments are recorded at fair value and consisted of the following at December 31:

	2016		20	2015		
	 		Fair			Fair
	Cost		Value	 Cost		Value
Undesignated:						
Money Market Funds	\$ 531,239	\$	531,239	\$ 1,449,373	\$	1,449,373
Certificates of Deposit	1,680,000		1,680,029	2,160,000		2,157,832
Mutual Funds - Equities	1,740,679		1,884,744	2,160,077		2,129,343
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income	4,227,496		4,078,247	5,793,029		5,595,868
Corporate Bonds	609,476		491,308			
Gov't Securities	423,239		513,489	-		-
Municipal Bonds	594,869		574,463	-		
Sub Total	9,806,998		9,753,519	11,562,479		11,332,416
Board Designated Reserve:						
Money Market Funds	349,254		349,254	701,568		701,568
Certificates of Deposit	4,249,711		4,249,063	3,525,879		3,521,911
Mutual Funds - Bonds	3,999,814		3,930,384	4,000,000		3,942,026
Sub Total	8,598,779		8,528,701	8,227,447		8,165,505
Total	\$ 18,405,777	\$	18,282,220	\$ 19,789,926	\$	19,497,921

Investment income (loss) consisted of the following for the years ended December 31:

				Board		
			De	esignated		
2016	Und	designated		Reserve		Total
Interest and Dividends	\$	203,253	\$	112,086	\$	315,339
Realized Loss		(13,449)		-		(13,449)
Unrealized Gain (Loss)		176,752		(8,322)		168,430
Total	\$	366,556	\$	103,764	\$	470,320
				Board		
			De	Board esignated		
2015	Unc	designated		1000	3	Total
2015 Interest and Dividends	Und \$	designated 179,816		esignated	\$	Total 240,879
				esignated Reserve	\$	
Interest and Dividends		179,816		esignated Reserve	\$	240,879
Interest and Dividends Realized Gain		179,816 5,222		esignated Reserve 61,063	\$	240,879 5,222

NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Organization uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures (see Note 1).

The following table presents the Organization's fair value hierarchy for those assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31:

		20	016	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments			Section 2015	
Undesignated:				
Money Market Funds	\$ 531,239	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 531,239
Certificates of Deposit	-	1,680,029	-	1,680,029
Mutual Funds - Equities	1,884,744	-	-	1,884,744
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income	4,078,247	-	-	4,078,247
Corporate Bonds	-	491,308	-	491,308
Gov't Securities	-	513,489	**	513,489
Municipal Bonds	-	574,463	-	574,463
Sub Total	6,494,230	3,259,289		9,753,519
Board Designated Reserve:				
Certificates of Deposit	-	4,249,063	-	4,249,063
Money Market Funds	349,254	=	=	349,254
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income	3,930,384	<u>-</u>	-	3,930,384
Sub Total	4,279,638	4,249,063	-	8,528,701
Deferred Compensation				
Mutual Funds - Equity	108,017	=	_	108,017
Money Market Funds and	/			
Custodian Cash	99	_	_	99
Sub Total	108,116			108,116
Total	\$ 10,881,984	\$ 7,508,352	\$ -	\$ 18,390,336
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Truly Truly	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Undesignated:				
Certificates of Deposit	\$ -	\$ 2,157,832	\$ -	\$ 2,157,832
Mutual Funds - Equities	2,129,343		-	2,129,343
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income	5,595,868	-	100	5,595,868
Money Market Funds	1,449,373	-		1,449,373
Sub Total	9,174,584	2,157,832		11,332,416
Board Designated Reserve:				
Certificates of Deposit		3,521,911	-	3,521,911
Money Market Funds	701,568	-	-	701,568
Mutual Funds - Fixed Income	3,942,026		· ·	3,942,026
Sub Total	4,643,594	3,521,911	-	8,165,505
Deferred Compensation				
Mutual Funds - Equity	100,803	-	-	100,803
Money Market Funds and				
Custodian Cash	6,239			6,239
Sub Total	107,042		_	107,042
Total	\$ 13,925,220	\$ 5,679,743	\$ -	\$ 19,604,963
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NOTE 4 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable relate to the Board Designated Reserve program. They are unconditional, are to be received over a period up to five years, and have been discounted to their present value at December 31, 2016 and 2015. The following amounts are to be received as of December 31:

	2016	2015
Receivable in Less Than One Year	\$ 64,944	\$ 39,625
Receivable in One to Five Years	126,944	80,282
Total	 191,888	 119,907
Less: Present Value Discount	(7,212)	(5,663)
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	 (6,360)	 (6,098)
Total	\$ 178,316	\$ 108,146

The contributions receivable due after one year have been discounted to their present value using a risk-adjusted discount rate of 1.45% to 2.50% in 2016 and 1.31% to 2.34% in 2015.

NOTE 5 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following at December 31:

	2016			2015
Furniture and Equipment	\$	164,368	\$	197,168
Network and Database		352,467		376,716
Leasehold Improvements		227,216		227,216
Total		744,051		801,100
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				
and Amortization		(611,677)		(586,265)
Net	\$	132,374	\$	214,835

NOTE 6 CAPITAL LEASES

The Organization has entered into leases for copiers and equipment. These assets are included and reported in property and equipment in the statements of financial position. Amortization of the assets under the capital leases are included in depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The leases expire at various dates from February 2017 through September 2020.

NOTE 6 CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)

The future minimum lease payments at December 31, 2016, are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,		
2017	\$	12,144
2018		10,692
2019		6,932
2020	10	4,635
Total Minimum Lease Payments		34,403
Amount Representing Interest		(1,852)
Present Value of Net Minimum Lease Payments	\$	32,551

The amount capitalized for lease arrangements and included in property and equipment in the statements of financial position is as follows as of December 31:

	 2016		2015
Leased Equipment	\$ 63,530	\$	96,329
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	 (31,022)		(64,480)
Furniture and Equipment, Net	\$ 32,508	\$	31,849

NOTE 7 DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue consists of the following as of December 31:

	-	2016	2015
Member Dues	\$	1,881,603	\$ 1,984,624
Meetings and Conferences		384,345	503,463
Advertising		16,747	21,513
Other		3,750	 5,250
Total	\$	2,286,445	\$ 2,514,850

NOTE 8 BOARD DESIGNATED RESERVE

Board Designated Endowment Fund

The Board of Directors authorized the establishment of the Endowment fund in 1989 to provide an ongoing source of funding of research and education. Funds contributed to the Organization and designated for the Endowment Fund are unrestricted assets of the Organization, available for expenditure for any purpose authorized by the corporate charter, the By-Laws, and applicable law. Notwithstanding the unrestricted nature of the funds contributed to the Organization and designated for the Endowment Fund, such funds shall be kept in one or more accounts that are segregated from other funds of the Organization. The Research Committee is responsible for recommending and overseeing grants, subject to Executive Committee approval.

NOTE 8 BOARD DESIGNATED RESERVE (CONTINUED)

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

Management of the endowment assets is designed to ensure a total return necessary to preserve and enhance the principal of the fund and provide a dependable source of support for current operations and programs. Therefore, the Organization's goal for its endowment fund is capital preservation and to minimize the loss of capital. The Finance Committee of the Board of Directors reviews the performance and diversification of the portfolio in relation to the Organization's Investment Policy.

Spending Policy

Expenditure of the principal of funds contributed to the Organization and designated for the Endowment Fund would require a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors. Historically, the Organization has limited spending to earnings only and anticipates continuing to do so going forward.

NOTE 9 TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following as of December 31:

	2016		2015	
Time restricted:				
Board Designated Reserve	_		1	
Contributions Receivable	\$	178,316	\$	108,146
Total time restricted		178,316		108,146
Purpose restricted:				
National Conference of				
Bankruptcy Judges Grant		18,567		13,946
National Conference of				
Bankruptcy Judges				
Conference Grant		97,987		156,538
West Grant		12,510		15,868
CARE Program		-		16,275
Total purpose restricted		129,064		202,627
Total temporarily restricted	\$	307,380	\$	310,773

NOTE 10 RETIREMENT PLANS

Defined Contribution Plan

The Organization maintains a defined contribution retirement plan under the Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). Employees are eligible to participate following six months of service. The Organization matches up to the first 6% of an eligible employee's gross salary. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Organization incurred plan expenses of \$142,847 and \$129,776, respectively.

NOTE 10 RETIREMENT PLANS (CONTINUED)

Deferred Compensation Plan

The Organization established deferred compensation plans under Sections 457(b) and 457(f) of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC) during 2011 for the purpose of providing benefits to certain selected employees. The expense for benefits under these plans was \$16,935 and \$22,201 for 2016 and 2015, respectively. The assets in the 457(b) plan are held by the Organization, subject to the claims of its general creditors, until the employee becomes eligible for withdrawals as provided in the plan agreement. There were no distributions made from the plan in 2016 or 2015. The assets and the related liability have been reflected in the Organization's statements of financial position at December 31, 2016 and 2015. The deferred compensation plan assets are comprised of cash money funds and mutual funds; cost estimates fair value and historical cost, respectively.

NOTE 11 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In August 2016, Credit Abuse Resistance Education (CARE) was approved as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Board of Directors is separate and apart from the Board of Directors of the Organization. CARE and the Organization entered into a management agreement effective January 1, 2016, whereby the Organization agrees to provide office space and management services to CARE for a monthly management fee of \$7,500. Total revenue recognized under this agreement was \$90,000 for the year ended December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2016, amounts receivable from CARE totaled \$43,342 which included reimbursable pass through expenses (e.g., CARE Executive Director's salary).

In 2015, the Organization's Board approved a \$1 million grant to CARE for initial financial support. This grant is included in CARE program expenses on the statement of activities and changes in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2015, and is shown on the December 31, 2015, statement of financial position as a liability. This amount was subsequently paid to CARE in January 2016.

NOTE 12 COMMITMENTS

In December 2012, the Organization entered into an agreement, as subtenant, for an operating lease for space in Alexandria, Virginia. In accordance with the lease, the Organization received partial space rent-free and leasehold concessions valued at \$166,928, and is subject to a 3% escalation clause for part of the space. The Organization has recorded rent expense for this space on a straight-line basis and established a deferred rent liability to be charged to rent expense over the life of the lease.

In March 2016, a new lease of the same office space was signed directly with the landlord of the building. Tenancy will commence on April 2018 and continue until October 31, 2023 (subject to renewal). In conjunction with this new lease, the Organization received a cash incentive from the landlord totaling \$688,578. This amount was added to the deferred rent liability and will be amortized to rent expense on a straight-line basis once the new lease term commences.

NOTE 12 COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the total deferred rent liability was \$859,021 and \$285,173, respectively.

The Organization is also obligated as a lessee under a non-cancellable operating lease, expiring in 2018, for equipment.

The following is a schedule by years of future minimum rental payments required under the operating leases that have an initial or remaining non-cancelable lease term in excess of one year as of December 31, 2016:

	Other						
Years Ending December 31:	Office Lease		Equipment		Total		
2017	\$	615,623	\$	8,967	\$	624,590	
2018		299,368		2,242		301,610	
2019		860,879		-		860,879	
2020		882,423		-		882,423	
2021		904,437				904,437	
Thereafter		1,717,916		-		1,717,916	
Total	\$	5,280,646	\$	11,209	\$	3,573,939	

Total rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, was \$514,827 and \$514,757, respectively.

Employee Contract

The Organization has an employment agreement with its Executive Director through December 31, 2020. The terms of the agreement stipulate that, if his employment is terminated without cause during his employment, the Organization will continue to pay his salary for a period of nine months subsequent to the effective date of such termination.

Conference Facilities

The Organization reserves spaces for its conferences several years in advance. The contracts contain various performance requirements including penalties for cancellation of the events. As of December 31, 2016, the maximum contingency for liquidated damages is approximately \$2,474,000.

NOTE 13 CONCENTRATION OF REVENUE

During 2015, the Organization received a contribution from one donor representing 44% of total revenue for the year. There were no significant concentrations in revenue for the year ended December 31, 2016.