

DISABILITY LAW UNITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Certified Public Accountants

WORKING EXCLUSIVELY WITH NONPROFITS

April 1, 2025

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors
Disability Law United
Denver, Colorado

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center dba Disability Law United** (a Colorado nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Disability Law United as of December 31, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Disability Law United and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 Disability Law United's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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, including omissions, 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Disability Law United'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 Disability Law United'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 Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Disability Law United's 2023 financial statements and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated March 1, 2024. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Taylor Roth and Company PLLC

Taylor, Roth and Company, PLLC
Certified Public Accountants
Denver, Colorado

DISABILITY LAW UNITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2023)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 666,491	\$ 565,854
Contributions, grants and contracts receivable	28,564	480,157
Prepaid expenses	14,446	28,984
Property and equipment, net (Note 4)	5,049	9,412
Financing lease right of use asset (Note 5)	-	1,092
Operating lease right of use asset (Note 5)	14,271	96,906
Security deposits	15,393	15,393
	<u>\$ 744,214</u>	<u>\$ 1,197,798</u>
 <u>Liabilities and net assets</u>		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable	\$ 63,939	\$ 28,481
Accrued payroll expenses	59,709	45,449
Refundable advances (Note 6)	557,431	30,000
Financing lease liability (Note 5)	-	1,186
Operating lease liability (Note 5)	14,610	98,933
	<u>695,689</u>	<u>204,049</u>
 <u>Net assets</u>		
<u>Without donor restrictions</u>		
Undesignated	(165,357)	804,337
Net investment in property and equipment	5,049	9,412
	<u>(160,308)</u>	<u>813,749</u>
<u>With donor restrictions (Note 7)</u>	<u>208,833</u>	<u>180,000</u>
	<u>48,525</u>	<u>993,749</u>
	<u>\$ 744,214</u>	<u>\$ 1,197,798</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

DISABILITY LAW UNITED
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2023)

	<u>2024</u>			<u>2023</u>
	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Revenue and other support</u>				
Contributions and grants	\$ 398,889	\$ 205,000	\$ 603,889	\$ 585,322
Program service fees	95,249	-	95,249	9,904
All other	8,727	-	8,727	3,674
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 8)	176,167	(176,167)	-	-
Total revenue and other support	<u>679,032</u>	<u>28,833</u>	<u>707,865</u>	<u>598,900</u>
<u>Expenses</u>				
Program services	1,166,441	-	1,166,441	1,150,936
Supporting services				
Management and general	316,453	-	316,453	356,982
Fund-raising	170,195	-	170,195	45,165
Total expenses	<u>1,653,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,653,089</u>	<u>1,553,083</u>
Change in net assets	(974,057)	28,833	(945,224)	(954,183)
Net assets, beginning of year, as originally stated	843,749	180,000	1,023,749	1,947,932
Prior period adjustment (Note 11)	(30,000)	-	(30,000)	-
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	<u>813,749</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>993,749</u>	<u>1,947,932</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ (160,308)</u>	<u>\$ 208,833</u>	<u>\$ 48,525</u>	<u>\$ 993,749</u>

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DISABILITY LAW UNITED
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2023)

	2024			2023	
	Program Services	Supporting Services		Total	Total
		Management and General	Fund- raising		
Salaries	\$ 674,963	\$ 198,518	\$ 119,111	\$ 992,592	\$ 945,897
Employee benefits	89,317	26,270	15,762	131,349	98,327
Payroll taxes	56,649	16,661	9,997	83,307	79,464
Counsel, court, and other program costs	115,532	-	-	115,532	59,202
Occupancy	67,498	24,106	4,821	96,425	94,445
Reduction in settlement fees	53,545	-	-	53,545	20,073
Other professional services	32,776	9,640	5,784	48,200	47,135
Education and outreach	20,003	-	-	20,003	14,970
Software and Information Technology	11,019	3,241	1,944	16,204	10,152
Dues and fees	9,263	2,724	1,635	13,622	18,637
Accounting	-	13,352	-	13,352	45,958
Interest expense	-	10,956	-	10,956	221
Insurance	7,221	2,124	1,274	10,619	10,018
Communications	6,827	2,007	1,205	10,039	9,918
Contract labor and consulting	6,821	2,006	1,204	10,031	52,792
Fundraising	-	-	5,532	5,532	14,075
Travel	3,686	1,084	651	5,421	14,550
Office expenses	3,111	1,111	222	4,444	4,344
All Other	5,156	1,562	835	7,553	9,538
	1,163,387	315,362	169,977	1,648,726	1,549,716
Depreciation and amortization	3,054	1,091	218	4,363	3,367
Total expenses	<u>\$ 1,166,441</u>	<u>\$ 316,453</u>	<u>\$ 170,195</u>	<u>\$ 1,653,089</u>	<u>\$ 1,553,083</u>

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DISABILITY LAW UNITED
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2023)

	2024	2023
<u>Cash flows from operating activities</u>		
Change in net assets	\$ (945,224)	\$ (954,183)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	4,363	3,367
<u>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</u>		
(Increase)decrease in contributions, grants and contracts receivable	451,593	(239,659)
(Increase)decrease in prepaid expenses	14,538	13,713
(Increase)decrease in right of use asset	83,727	77,754
(Increase)decrease in security deposits	-	(500)
Increase(decrease) in accounts payable	35,458	(7,920)
Increase(decrease) in accrued payroll expenses	14,260	20,247
Increase(decrease) in refundable advances	527,431	30,000
Increase(decrease) in operating lease liability	(84,323)	(77,681)
Net cash provided(used) by operating activities	101,823	(1,134,862)
<u>Cash flows from investing activities</u>		
(Additions) to property and equipment	-	(1,503)
<u>Cash flows from financing activities</u>		
Increase(decrease) in financing lease obligation	(1,186)	(4,571)
Net increase(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	100,637	(1,140,936)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	565,854	1,706,790
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 666,491	\$ 565,854
<u>Supplemental Information:</u>		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 36	\$ -
Cash paid during the period for interest on recoverable grant	\$ 10,908	\$ -
Cash paid during the period for interest on finance lease	\$ 12	\$ 221

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DISABILITY LAW UNITED
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Disability Law United (the Organization) is a Colorado nonprofit corporation established in April 2013 to defend human and civil rights secured by law. The Organization achieves its mission through education, member input, instructional materials, individual advocacy, collaboration, enforcement, investigations, and filing lawsuits. Funding for the Organization is obtained primarily through contributions and grants from interested parties.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and, accordingly, reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

2. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles which require the Organization to report its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

Net assets without donor restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization's management and board of directors.

Net assets with donor restrictions: Net assets that are subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated that the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Contributions of property and equipment or cash restricted for the acquisition of property and equipment are reported as net assets with donor restrictions if the donor has restricted the use of the property or equipment to a program. These restrictions expire when the assets are placed in service.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all unrestricted, highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

4. Receivables

Accounts receivable represent amounts that have been billed for program service fees but not yet collected as of the date of the financial statements. Grants receivable represent amounts that have been awarded to the Organization but not yet collected as of December 31, 2024. Receivables are stated at the amount management expects to be collected from the outstanding balances. As of December 31, 2024, management has determined, based on historical experience and subsequent collections, that all amounts are fully collectible, and no allowance for doubtful accounts is necessary.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (continued)

5. Revenue and Revenue Recognition

The Organization recognizes contributions when cash, securities or other assets; an unconditional promise to give; or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give—that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return—are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met. The Organization records special events revenue equal to the fair value of direct benefits to donors, and contribution revenue for the excess received when the event takes place. Amounts received prior to incurring qualifying expenditures are reported as refundable advances in the statement of financial position.

6. Capitalization and Depreciation

The Organization follows a practice of capitalizing all expenditures for property and equipment in excess of \$1,000. The fair value of donated assets is similarly capitalized. Depreciation of capitalized assets is taken over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on a straight-line basis. Estimated useful lives range from 3 to 30 years.

7. Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

In the event that facts and circumstances indicate that property and equipment, or other assets, may be impaired, an evaluation of recoverability would be performed. If an evaluation is required, the estimated future undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset are compared to the asset's carrying amount to determine if a write-down to market value would be necessary. No impairment losses were recorded during the year ended December 31, 2024.

8. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

9. Leases

The Organization accounts for leases in accordance with Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, Leases (ASC 842), as amended. The Organization determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at inception and whether they will be classified as an operating or finance lease based upon the accounting criteria. Leases are included in right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities in the statement of financial position. ROU assets and lease liabilities reflect the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term, and ROU assets also include prepaid or accrued rent. The Organization uses the rate implicit in the lease if it is determinable. When the rate implicit in the lease is not determinable, the Organization uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at lease commencement.

Lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease if it is reasonably certain that management will exercise that option. Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Organization does not report ROU assets and leases liabilities for its short-term leases (leases with a term of 12 months or less). Instead, the lease payments of those leases are reported as lease expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (continued)

10. Income Taxes

The Organization has received an Internal Revenue Service exemption from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, no provision or liability for income taxes has been provided in the accompanying financial statements.

11. Functional Reporting of Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Salaries and benefits are allocated on a time and effort basis. Occupancy and depreciation expenses are allocated based on square footage. All other expenses are allocated on a time and effort basis.

12. Summarized Prior-Year Information

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, from which the summarized information was derived.

13. Reclassifications

Certain fiscal year 2023 balances have been reclassified to conform to the fiscal year 2024 financial statement presentation.

14. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through April 1, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 - AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY

The following represents the Organization's financial assets at December 31, 2024:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Financial assets at year end:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 666,491
Contributions, grants and contracts receivable	<u>28,564</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures	<u>\$ 695,055</u>

The Organization considers donor-restricted contributions that will be spent within one year to be available for general expenditures. The Organization manages its liquidity and reserves following three guiding principles: operating within a prudent range of financial soundness and stability; maintaining adequate liquid assets to fund near-term operating needs; and maintaining sufficient reserves to provide reasonable assurance that long-term obligations will be discharged. To achieve these guiding principles, the Organization forecasts its future cash flows and monitors its liquidity monthly.

NOTE 3 - AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY (concluded)

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the level of liquidity and reserves was managed within the guiding principles. As part of its liquidity plan, excess cash is maintained in two checking accounts and a money market account.

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Furniture and equipment	\$ 42,578
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(37,529)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>\$ 5,049</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$4,363 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

NOTE 5 - LEASES

The Organization evaluated current contracts to determine which met the criteria of a lease. The right-of-use (ROU) assets represent the Organizations right to use underlying assets for the lease term, and the lease liabilities represent its obligation to make lease payments arising from these leases. The ROU assets and lease liabilities, which arose from a finance lease, were calculated based on the present value of future lease payments over the lease term. Operating lease cost is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term as Occupancy expense on the Statement of Functional Expenses.

Financing lease:

The Organization leases equipment under a non-cancelable financing lease. The lease term is 5 years. Beginning in 2022, the Organization has elected to separate non-lease components from lease components in leases for office equipment. The lease expired in March of 2024 and was not renewed. Monthly payments were \$399.

Operating lease:

The Organization leases office space under a non-cancelable operating lease for the office and program space that expires in February of 2025 and was not renewed.

NOTE 5 - LEASES (concluded)

Future maturities of undiscounted cash flows of the operating lease obligation is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 14,720
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(110)</u>
Present value of lease obligation	<u>\$ 14,610</u>

Other information:

Weighted-average remaining lease term	.17 years
Weighted-average discount rate	6.00%

NOTE 6 - REFUNDABLE ADVANCES

The Organization engages in litigation regarding civil rights issues. At December 31, 2024 the Organization had three recoverable grant awards to cover costs related to bringing these suits. These awards have the following conditions for repayment:

The Impact Fund (Grantor) awarded the Organization a recoverable award of \$30,000 to be used solely for the White et al. v. Sacramento Police Department et al. for purposes of expert witness fees and costs, court reporter fees and deposition transcripts. The Organization will fully reimburse the grantor the \$30,000 plus interest at the annual rate of 7% upon receipt of settlement. The Grantor may waive the interest charge and/or a portion of the principal amount at its sole discretion. At December 31, 2024, the Organization had accrued \$2,012 in interest for this loan.

Justice Catalyst Access Fund, Inc. (Grantor) awarded the Organization a recoverable award of \$200,000. These grant funds accrue interest at 7% and are available over a three-year period beginning March 21, 2024. Any grant funds not expended or committed within the period will be returned to the Grantor in addition to accrued interest. In the event that the Organization receives a fee award covering fees, costs, or expenses under any settlement during this period the Organization is required to repay the grantor. The amount of repayment is equal to the lesser of the 50% of the total fee recovery or the total grant principal and interest. The Grantor, at its sole discretion may forbear with respect to collection of or permanently waive a portion of the amount to be paid hereunder for any reason at which time the Organization would recognize this portion as revenue. At December 31, 2024, the Organization had accrued \$1,263 in interest for this loan. At December 31, 2024 the Organization has made repayments of \$72,569 in principal and an additional \$7,633 in interest.

The Ford Foundation (Grantor) awarded the Organization a recoverable award of \$400,000. These grant funds are available over a five-year period beginning September 1, 2024. Funds may be expended only for charitable, scientific, literary, or education purposes. Any grant funds not expended or committed within the period will be returned to the Grantor. The debt shall be considered extinguished provided that the Organization's year to date revenues have not exceeded \$1.6 million by December 31, 2029, at which point the Organization would recognize this award as revenue.

NOTE 6 - REFUNDABLE ADVANCES (concluded)

At year-end refundable advances consisted of the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The Ford Foundation	\$ 400,000
Justice Catalyst Access Fund, Inc.	127,431
The Impact Fund	30,000
Total	<u>\$ 557,431</u>

NOTE 7 - NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

At year-end, net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Immigration Detention Accountability Project	\$ 171,345
Litigation case, White v Sacrament	30,000
Protecting the right to protest. Litigation and education	7,488
Total	<u>\$ 208,833</u>

NOTE 8 - NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM DONOR RESTRICTIONS

During the year, net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted program purposes:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Immigration Detention Accountability Project	\$ 158,655
Protecting the right to protest. Litigation and education	17,512
Total	<u>\$ 176,167</u>

NOTE 9 - RETIREMENT PLAN

The Organization has a defined contribution retirement plan covering substantially all employees who meet minimum age and service requirements. The Organization's contributions are 100% of the participant's elective deferral, not to exceed 5% of the participant's compensation. The Organization's contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024, were \$24,792.

NOTE 10 - CONCENTRATIONS OF RISK

The Organization keeps its cash in two financial institutions. As of year-end, the cash balance of \$539,131 in one institution exceeds the \$250,000 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limit. Management has evaluated its banking needs and the strength of the financial institution and feels it is in the best long-term interest of the organization to continue its existing banking relationship.

NOTE 10 - CONCENTRATIONS OF RISK (concluded)

At December 31, 2024, two settlement awards represented 81% of the Organization's grants receivable balance of \$28,564. The Organization is not dependent on this funding to continue with its current level of service. These settlement awards were received subsequent to year end. Management expects that revenues will fluctuate based on the number of settlement awards in any given year. In addition, at December 31, 2024, one settlement award represent 35% of the Organization's total revenue.

NOTE 11 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Certain errors resulting in an understatement of previously reported revenue were discovered during the current year. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Organization recorded revenue which should have been recorded as a refundable grant liability. The prior period adjustment increased *refundable grants liability* and decreased *contribution and grant* revenue by \$30,000 and decreased the fiscal year in 2023 *change in net assets and unrestricted net assets* by \$30,000. (See note 6).