

PLSE Files First 990, Achieves Gold Seal from GuideStar

March 9, 2018. Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity (PLSE) announced today that it has earned the “Gold Seal” from GuideStar - the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations.

The website www.guidestar.org, includes a database of 1.8 million nonprofits, of which only 0.5% achieve the Gold Level. GuideStar allow users to benchmark organizations, verify charitable status, access compensation information, and interpret nonprofit financial data.

Qualifying for the Gold Seal required PLSE to post its IRS form 990 (for Fiscal Year 2017) on the GuideStar website and provide detailed information about PLSE’s programs, financials and governance. PLSE’s 990 can also be found here [PDF].

“The Gold Seal marks our coming of age as a public interest law firm,” said PLSE Board Chair and co-founder Ryan Allen Hancock. “2017 was a banner year for us, as we obtained over 2,200 Orders of Expungement for our clients, received the Louis J. Goffman Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation for our outstanding volunteer legal service to the poor, and were recognized by the Barra Foundation as an “exemplary nonprofit” because of our demonstrated leadership, adaptability and performance. This year, thanks to the financial support of new donors, we will be expanding our services into the area of pardons, which hold the promise of clean slates and new futures for our clients who have so demonstrably turned their lives around.”

The GuideStar report on PLSE can be obtained at <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/45-2980014>.

PLSE’s Form 990 for FY2017 can be viewed here [PDF].

ABOUT PLSE: Founded in 2010, PLSE provides free legal representation to lower income residents of Philadelphia whose criminal records are holding them back from achieving their potential as productive, contributing citizens. The services include seeking expungements in criminal court and pardons from the Governor, educating elected and community leaders, and empowering under-resourced communities to seek a greater voice and needed legislative reforms. For more information about PLSE, visit www.plsephilly.org or contact info@plsephilly.org.