ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ALLIANCE WORLDWIDE U.S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

WITH

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide U.S. Eugene, Oregon

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide U.S., ("ELAW"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years 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 ELAW as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, 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.

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 ELAW 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 ELAW's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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 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 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
 ELAW'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 ELAW'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.

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April 08, 2025

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Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash Accounts receivable Contributions receivable Grants receivable Prepaid expenses Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation Investments	\$ 6,044,768 2,896 18,320 4,734,735 16,381 922,963 4,557,920	\$ 7,833,756 17,733 19,563 3,863,237 105,903 912,750 1,766,399
Total assets	<u>\$ 16,297,983</u>	<u>\$ 14,519,341</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable Payroll payable Vacation payable Subgrants payable	\$ 16,937 95,861 130,945 1,102,074	\$ 47,984 82,494 150,345 401,273
Total liabilities	1,345,817	682,096
Net assets: Without donor restrictions: Undesignated Designated - Kilian O. Doherty Legacy Fund Designated - Sustainability Fund	5,024,886 358,972 1,830,892	4,223,384 328,949 1,332,416
Total without donor restrictions	7,214,750	5,884,749
With donor restrictions	7,737,416	7,952,496
Total net assets	14,952,166	13,837,245
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 16,297,983	\$ 14,519,341

Statements of Activities

Years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	 	2024				2023																						
	Without Donor estrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total					Without Donor Restrictions		r With Donor Restrictions		Total
Revenue, gains, and other support:																												
Contributions	\$ 867,024	\$ -	\$	867,024	\$	995,616	\$	25,647	\$	1,021,263																		
Grants	(770)	6,923,945		6,923,175		135,284		7,178,053		7,313,337																		
Net investment income	472,013	-		472,013		420,887				420,887																		
Program income	-	-		-		5,738		25,325		31,063																		
In-kind services contributed	200	-		200		2,000		-		2,000																		
Miscellaneous income	32,178	-		32,178		4,376		-		4,376																		
Net assets released from time and program restrictions	 6,915,366	(6,915,366)				4,528,395		(4,528,395)																				
Total revenue, gains, and other support	 8,286,011	8,579		8,294,590		6,092,296		2,700,630		8,792,926																		
Expenses:																												
Program services	6,679,077	_		6,679,077		4,256,628		_		4,256,628																		
Management and general	206,710	_		206,710		214,827		-		214,827																		
Development	 293,882			293,882		211,136				211,136																		
Total expenses	7,179,669		_	7,179,669		4,682,591			_	4,682,591																		
Change in net assets	1,106,342	8,579		1,114,921		1,409,705		2,700,630		4,110,335																		
Net assets at beginning of year	5,884,749	7,952,496		13,837,245		4,659,291		5,067,619		9,726,910																		
Prior period adjustment (see Note 14)	 223,659	(223,659)				(184,247)		184,247																				
Net assets at end of year	\$ 7,214,750	\$ 7,737,416	\$	14,952,166	\$	5,884,749	\$	7,952,496	\$	13,837,245																		

Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities: Change in net assets Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities:	\$ 1,114,921	\$ 4,110,335
Depreciation Donated securities (Gain) Loss on investments Change in operating assets and liabilities:	9,019 (2,000) (77,601)	8,250 (33,626) 388,082
Accounts receivable Contributions receivable Grants receivable Prepaid expenses Accounts payable Payroll and related accruals Vacation payable Subgrants payable	14,837 1,243 (871,498) 89,522 (31,047) 13,367 (19,400) 700,801	(11,762) (9,041) (1,615,913) (57,214) (26,062) 28,690 880 (76,013)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	942,164	2,706,606
Cash flows from investing activities: Proceeds from sale of investments Purchase of investments Purchase of property and equipment	1,677,043 (4,388,963) (19,232)	, ,
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(2,731,152)	(19,438)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(1,788,988)	2,687,168
Cash at beginning of year	7,833,756	5,146,588
Cash at end of year	\$ 6,044,768	\$ 7,833,756

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2024

Payroll and related expenses:		Program Services	Management and General		•			Total
Salaries Payroll taxes Retirement benefits Other employee benefits	\$	1,582,964 152,092 50,417 205,700	\$	129,570 11,959 3,965 16,056	\$	233,655 12,864 4,266 19,212	\$	1,946,189 176,915 58,648 240,968
Total payroll related expenses	_	1,991,173		161,550		269,997		2,422,720
Other operating expenses:								
Subgrants expense Professional services In-kind professional services Bad Debt Expense Communications Office expenses Printing Non-depreciable equipment/software Travel Conference/meeting Depreciation	_	2,817,115 1,310,562 200 766 9,369 51,668 36,460 38,379 117,368 298,260 7,757		6 33,920 - 60 736 3,908 2,857 3,020 4 41 608		7 4,337 - 65 792 11,660 3,073 3,249 4 44 654	_	2,817,128 1,348,819 200 891 10,897 67,236 42,390 44,648 117,376 298,345 9,019
Total other expenses	_	4,687,904		45,160		23,885		4,756,949
Total expenses	\$	6,679,077	\$	206,710	\$	293,882	\$	7,179,669

Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2023

		Program Services		Management and General				velopment		Total
Payroll and related expenses:	ses:									
Salaries Payroll taxes Retirement benefits Other employee benefits	\$	1,394,045 128,385 50,777 179,589	\$	157,491 13,630 5,158 19,179	\$	164,482 9,436 3,862 14,819	\$	1,716,018 151,451 59,797 213,587		
Total payroll related expenses	_	1,752,796		195,458		192,599	_	2,140,853		
Other operating expenses										
Subgrants expense Professional services In-kind professional services Communications Office expenses Printing Non-depreciable equipment/software Travel Conference/meeting Depreciation		1,529,492 712,855 2,000 4,718 61,159 20,865 33,594 68,475 63,619 7,055		6,692 - 479 5,880 2,099 3,643 - - 576		1,812 - 359 11,915 1,599 2,232 - - 620	_	1,529,492 721,359 2,000 5,556 78,954 24,563 39,469 68,475 63,619 8,251		
Total other expenses		2,503,832		19,369		18,537	_	2,541,738		
Total expenses	\$	4,256,628	\$	214,827	\$	211,136	\$	4,682,591		

Notes to Financial Statements

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Note 1 - Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide U.S. (ELAW), an exempt organization, is operated for educational and charitable purposes. ELAW provides legal, scientific, and administrative support to public interest attorneys and scientists in numerous countries to facilitate the development and practice of public interest environmental law around the world, to empower citizens to protect natural resources and defend the basic human right to clean air, clean water and a healthy environment.

ELAW is a part of a network of organizations and individuals in different countries. ELAW makes some subgrants to other organizations and enters into contracts with individuals in other countries. ELAW maintains administrative oversight for international sub-grants and contracts.

ELAW has three main operating areas: Program services include all services that are performed to accomplish ELAW's central mission; Administration is composed of activities that cannot be specifically attributed to a programmatic purpose or enable ELAW's day-to-day operations; and Development, which includes all fundraising and donor outreach activities.

Income Tax Status

ELAW is an exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3) and a public charity qualified for charitable contributions under IRC Section 170. ELAW files required informational returns with both the U.S. federal jurisdiction and the State of Oregon.

Basis of Presentation

Financial statements are presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles which require ELAW to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions.

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 and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

Contribution and grant revenue is recorded as with donor restrictions or without donor restrictions depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. All donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires (that is, when stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restrictions accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported as such on the statements of activities.

Program income results from providing consulting and legal advisory services to other organizations that perform environmental research and advocacy activities. Program income is recognized at the point in time when the contracted services are provided.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The statements of activities present a summary of the expenses incurred to provide program and supporting activities on a functional basis. Expenses have been allocated between program services and supporting activities. Management and general services include general and administrative activities; development services include all fundraising activities. ELAW provides some program services by funding partners in other countries to provide those program services.

Notes to Financial Statements

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Note 1 - Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash

For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, ELAW considers all cash and other highly liquid investments (including money market accounts) to be cash.

Investments

Investments on the statements of financial position, including mutual funds, are recorded at fair market value when purchased or are measured at fair value if donated. Fair value is based on quoted market prices in active markets that ELAW can access at the measurement date. Net investment return (including realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments, interest, and dividends) is included in the statements of activities as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets, unless the income or loss is restricted by donor or law.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded at cost or estimated fair value at date of gift. Donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated assets to a specific purpose. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. ELAW capitalizes property and equipment exceeding \$5,000. Useful lives are as follows: buildings (40 years); equipment (3-7 years).

Subgrants Payable

Grants payable consists of grants related to environmental issues awarded to various organizations worldwide. The grants are recorded as liabilities at the time the grant is awarded to the sub-grantee organization.

Grant Revenue

ELAW often receives large, multi-year grants. Total revenue and related receivables from these grants are recorded in the year in which the grant is awarded. Thus, stated grant revenue may show large fluctuations from year-to-year that do not reflect parallel fluctuations in cash flow or support. This is true for core operating expenses and for subgranting, which is sometimes carried out over several years, even though the revenue is all reflected in the year of the award.

In-kind Contributions

Contribution for goods, materials, and facilities are recorded at their estimated values. Such donations are reported as unrestricted contributions unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose.

Donated services meeting the criteria for recognition are recorded in the financial statements. These services consist of legal and scientific program support and are valued at rates provided by the donor. ELAW receives additional volunteer support that is not recognized in the financial statements.

Note 2 - Concentration of Credit Risk

ELAW maintains cash in a bank and maintains cash and investments through a brokerage firm. Bank accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) depository insurance limits of \$250,000 per financial institution. The brokerage firm accounts are covered through basic insurance and additional excess insurance provided by the Securities Investment Protection Corporation (SIPC). ELAW receives the bulk of its individual contributions in the last quarter of the calendar year. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, ELAW's cash balances held with banks exceeded FDIC depository insurance by \$45,029 and \$390,072, respectively.

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Note 3 - Contributions Receivable

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, all contributions receivable were considered fully collectible; therefore no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established. All contributions receivable were anticipated to be collected within one year.

Note 4 - Grants Receivable

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, all grants receivable are considered fully collectible; therefore no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established. All grants receivable were anticipated to be collected within one year.

Note 5 - Designated net assets

The ELAW Board of Directors established the ELAW Sustainability Fund (the Sustainability Fund) in October 1998 to begin providing for ELAW's long-term sustainability. The Sustainability Fund is held in depository and investment accounts separate from ELAW's operating funds. The Fund is comprised of cash, money market funds, mutual funds, bond funds, and equity funds. The Sustainability Fund's earnings are reinvested; other deposits to the Sustainability Fund come from investment and miscellaneous income, and unrestricted grant and contribution revenue. These funds are used to generate investment income and, at the discretion of the board, to pursue unique opportunities. Each year, the Board of Directors assesses year end finances and specifies an amount for new contributions to the fund. In addition to \$98,476 income generated by the investments, a contribution of \$400,000 was designated for the Sustainability Fund in 2024. In 2023, interest income of \$154,776 was earned by the fund and no new board designated contributions were made to the fund.

The ELAW Board of Directors established the Killian O. Doherty Legacy Fund (the Legacy Fund) in March 2021 to provide fellowships for lawyers and internships for law students to advance environmental justice, especially in the areas of Indigenous law and human rights. The Fund is held in depository and investment accounts separate from ELAW's operating funds. The Fund is comprised of cash, money market funds, mutual funds, bond funds, and equity funds. The Fund's earnings are reinvested; other deposits to the Fund come from private contributions and miscellaneous income. These funds are used to provide funding for the fellowships and internships. In 2024, investment income for the fund totalled \$36,790. In 2023, investment income for the fund totalled \$37,473. During 2024, \$6,767 was used to provide fellowships for lawyers. In 2023, ELAW provided a fellowship, but did not draw down designated funds.

Note 6 - Donor Imposed Restrictions on Net Assets

Net assets with donor imposed restrictions were available for the following purposes as of December 31:

	2024	2023
Purpose restrictions Time restrictions	\$ 7,483,352 254,064	
Total	\$ 7,737,416	\$ 7,952,496

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose or by occurrence of the passage of time or other events specified by donors as follows as of December 31:

	2024	2023
Satisfactions of purpose restrictions Expiration of time restrictions	\$ 5,603,765 	\$ 2,497,078 2,031,317
Total	\$ 6,836,095	\$ 4,528,395

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Note 7 - Concentrations

Of the total amount receivable for 2024, 52 percent was due from 4 private foundations. Of the total amount receivable for 2023, 62 percent was due from 4 private foundations.

One private foundation was responsible for contributing 26 percent of ELAW's total revenue for 2024. One private foundation was responsible for 21 percent of ELAW's total revenue for 2023.

Note 8 - Property and equipment

Fixed assets consist of the following at December 31:

	2024			2023
Land Buildings Equipment	\$	657,000 330,000 21,914	\$	657,000 330,000 2,681
Total fixed assets Less accumulated depreciation	_	1,008,914 (85,951)		989,681 (76,931)
Net fixed assets	\$	922,963	\$	912,750

Note 9 - Employee Benefit Plan

ELAW has a SEP/IRA retirement plan for eligible employees. ELAW has the option of contributing to eligible employee's plans as approved by the Board of Directors. ELAW made employer contributions of \$58,648 and \$59,797 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively.

Note 10 - Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the input 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to inputs other than quoted prices or unobservable inputs (level 2 and 3 measurements). All of ELAW's investments are classified as Level 1, as described below.

Level 1 – Valuation is based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 1 assets and liabilities generally include debt and equity securities that are traded in an active exchange market. Valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources for market transactions involving identical assets or liabilities.

The fair values at December 31 were as follows:

	2024	 2023
Corporate equities	\$ 1,105,000	\$ 941,948
Certificates of deposit	3,452,920	824,451
Total investments at fair value	\$ 4,557,920	\$ 1,766,399

Note 11 - Subsequent Events

Due to the current adminstration ELAW is experiencing threats and delays to the government grant they manage but remain committed to meeting their contractual obligations and expect to see impacts to their own assets over time.

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Note 12 - Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The following reflects ELAW's financial assets as of the balance sheet date, reduced by amounts not available for general use within one year of the balance sheet date because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions or because of board designations for long-term liquidity. Amounts designated by the board could be drawn upon with the approval of the board.

	 2024	 2023
Cash Accounts receivable Contributions receivable Grants receivable Investments	\$ 6,044,768 2,896 18,320 4,734,735 4,557,920	\$ 7,833,756 17,733 19,563 3,863,237 1,766,399
Financial assets at year-end	15,358,639	13,500,688
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:		
Amounts with donor imposed restrictions to be expended for specific purposes	(7,483,352)	(7,182,983)
Board designated sustainability fund investments for organizational liquidity	(1,830,892)	(1,332,416)
Board designated Kilian O. Doherty Legacy fund investments for organizational liquidity	 (358,972)	(328,949)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditure within one year	\$ 5,685,423	\$ 4,656,340

As part of ELAW's liquidity management, it invests primarily in money market funds and short-term investments.

Note 13 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers

ELAW's program revenue is received, primarily, in the form of payment for contracted legal and research services provided to other organizations by ELAW employees. The balance of contract assets (accounts receivable) and related activity are presented below.

	 Accounts Recievable				
	 2024		2023		
As of January 1	\$ 17,733	\$	5,971		
Balance as of December 31	2,896		17,733		

The nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows from contracts with customers vary based on the amount and nature of services provided.

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Note 14 - Restatements of Net Assets

After completion of the 2023 audit, contributions totalling \$299,673 (to the Kilian O. Doherty Legacy Fund) were reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions. A grant in the amount of \$76,014 (from the Global Campus on Human Rights) was reclassified from net assets without donor restrictions to net assets with donor restrictions. Opening net position classification for 2024 has been adjusted accordingly.

After the completion of the 2022 audit, a \$200,000 grant was reclassified from net assets without donor restrictions to net assets with donor restrictions. Opening net position classification for 2023 has been adjusted accordingly.

Other reclassifications related to 2023 opening balance include a grant amount being based on an estimate of the conversion rate going from Euros to USD. The actual conversion at time of payment resulted in grant funding being reduced by \$17,803. Other minor adjustments make up the remaining \$2,050 of the restatement.