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A Note from Erin

Many exciting things are going on at Pro Bono Partnership!

We are getting used to our new name: **Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio** - and are looking forward to working with attorneys and nonprofits in Dayton, Ohio. Please spread the word that we have grown!



Also, please welcome **Barkha Patel**, our Staff Attorney. Barkha has been with us for two months and many of you have already met her over the phone during your Introductory Calls. Read more about Barkha [here](#). Barkha has also been working on our 3-part Legal Series for Nonprofits (register [here](#)) and our upcoming Legal Check-Up with P&G and Taft.

Finally, by awarding our Board President Breck Weigel the **Outstanding Nonprofit Volunteer Award**, OANO made official what we already knew: We have the greatest Board of Directors around!

Sincerely,

Erin C. Childs
Executive Director



**1st Annual
PBPO Volunteer
Appreciation Reception**

Awards Given To:

RELX/Lexis Nexis

Taft Stettinius & Hollister

Christine Robek (AK Steel)

Allison Kropp (Dinsmore & Shohl)



PBPO Board of Directors & Staff at 2016 Annual Meeting

See **pics** and **more!**

PBPO Stats

70 nonprofit clients

221 active volunteers

253 legal matters

3 legal checkups

7 nonprofit seminars

View the **2015 Annual Report**.

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On Memorial Day..

PBPO Board President

Awarded Outstanding Ohio

Nonprofit Volunteer!



Congratulations to Pro Bono

Partnership of Ohio Board President,

W. Breck Weigel of **GE Aviation**, for winning

the Outstanding Ohio Nonprofit Volunteer Award, Southern

Region at the **OANO** - 2016 Ohio Nonprofit Conference &

Excellence Awards! Read more **here**.

Inactive Attorneys Can Now

Volunteer with PBPO!



The Ohio Supreme Court announced a new

rule that will allow non-active attorneys to engage in limited

legal practice to provide **pro bono service**. Attorneys can

qualify for emeritus status after a minimum of 15 years of

practice and provide pro bono service through an approved

pro bono legal organization (like us!) even if they are no

longer active. Read more **here**.

Recent DOL Changes Affect our Clients

The Department of Labor recently released rules expanding

overtime eligibility that will impact many nonprofit

organizations. Read the **Pro Bono Brief: Nonprofit Legal**

News for more information and resources.

Volunteer Spotlight:

Kai Bitter

Frost Brown Todd LLC

We are proud to recognize

Kai for his extensive pro

bono work for **Cincinnati**

Community ToolBank. He initially volunteered to assist on

two projects, but his involvement expanded into volunteering

on several other matters for Toolbank.



"During a visit to ToolBank's facility to get an idea of how they operate, I met Todd Hoffpauir and Brian Pokrywka from Montgomery, Rennie & Jonson who were assisting

**we remember and
honor all those who
have served - thank
you!**

ToolBank with another matter. We had a lively discussion about the processes ToolBank should implement to minimize their exposure, particularly when it comes to power tools!... It was an interesting experience and I very much enjoyed all the people I met during the engagement."

The waiver of liability signed by member organizations to borrow tools that Kai drafted is now being reviewed by ToolBank USA to potentially use nationally.

Thank you Kai!

Client Highlight:

Cincinnati Community ToolBank is a nonprofit tool lending program that provides fellow not-for-profit organizations with year-round access to an inventory of tools for use in volunteer projects and for facility and grounds maintenance. They have an inventory of more than 160 different types of tools and equipment in volumes large enough to equip thousands of volunteers at a time.

Kat Pepmeyer, Executive Director, wrote, "*Thanks to Pro Bono Partnership and their amazing volunteers we were able to have all of our legal documents reviewed and identify gaps in our insurance and make the necessary changes to our policy to minimize our exposure. They also took a closer look to our Membership Agreement and Liability Waivers and provided a list of suggested revisions. PBPO is such a valuable resource, for not only the ToolBank, but the entire nonprofit community.*"



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