



## ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

### LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

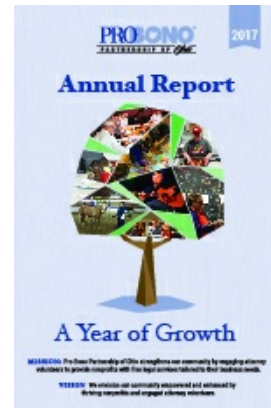
Dear Friends,

We are proud to share our [2017 Annual Report](#) with you, since this past year was truly a year of growth. Over 250 attorneys volunteered 1827 hours of expert legal services with PBPO in 2017, and we provided more than \$1.3 million in free legal services in our first three years. Read more about PBPO in the [full report](#).

With growth, comes the need for more attorney volunteers. We project that we will need at least 300 volunteers this year in order to meet our increased client demand. If you are one of our awesome attorneys that appreciates the pro bono opportunities we provide, would you consider sharing with a friend why you volunteer and encourage them to take a matter? How about offering to partner on your friend's first project? See our available [Volunteer Opportunities](#).

Also, we are thrilled to announce we are hiring our first Dayton-based employee, thanks to a generous grant from the Dayton Legal Heritage Foundation. If you know a Dayton attorney looking to make a real impact in our community by strengthening nonprofits, we are hiring for the part-time position of Dayton Director and Counsel. More information can be [found on our website here](#).

Erin C. Childs, Executive Director



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### PBPO HONORS VOLUNTEERS & DONORS

On March 14, PBPO gathered to celebrate the positive impact our volunteers and donors have made in our community at our annual Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Reception.

#### Congratulations to the following award recipients:

**Procter & Gamble**  
2017 Corporate Legal Department of the Year

**Dinsmore & Shohl LLP**  
2017 Law Firm of the Year

**Folarin Dosunmu**  
2017 Corporate Attorney of the Year

**Kerry A. Mahedy**  
2017 Law Firm Attorney of the Year

**Don Shuller**  
2017 Excellence in Nonprofit Service

**Lindsay Nichols**  
2017 Rising Star

See your smiling faces in our [photos from the event!](#)



Special thanks to **LexisNexis**, **The Greater Cincinnati Foundation** and **Counsel on Call** for sponsoring the event, and to our host, **CBTS**.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### **Folarin Dosunmu, GE Aviation**

Folarin is our 2017 Corporate Attorney of the Year and we recognized his great service to PBPO at our Volunteer Appreciation event last month.

Folarin is a recent transplant to Cincinnati from Chicago, and jumped right in to assist PBPO and our clients. In the past two years, he volunteered for 12 different projects and participated in 2 Nonprofit Legal Check Ups.

#### **Why does Folarin volunteer with PBPO?**

“Everyone deserves access to the law – no matter their financial situation. PBPO and the respective NPOs are vehicles to provide such services and aid to the community. It is my responsibility to help as many people as possible.”

[Read more about Folarin on our website here.](#)



## NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

### **WordPlay**

From kindergarten through early adulthood, WordPlay helps Cincinnati’s young people fulfill their potential through reading, writing and storytelling. In workshops, at schools, in community centers, and during the important summer months, participants are mentored by enthusiastic teaching artists who bring refreshingly innovative approaches to learning. Their methods? They are people-driven, research-based, and effective.

“PBPO has helped us with a variety of matters that has really helped our organization grow to the next level...We can focus on what we need to most: delivering our program, paying our staff, and making sure we are legally safe.”



**WORD PLAY**

– Libby Hunter, WordPlay Executive Director

[View a video](#) about WordPlay and how PBPO has helped it grow, or [learn more on our website](#).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PBPO Happy Hour

[Grow PBPO](#), our new advisory council, is hosting a fundraiser happy hour event on Thursday, May 17 at Holy Grail in The Banks area. 20% of all drink and food purchases will be donated to PBPO. Please join us to support our mission and meet other PBPO friends!

**Thursday, May 17**  
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Holy Grail  
161 Joe Nuxhall Way  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

### PBPO Seasoned Counselor Lunch

Connect with other [Seasoned Counselors](#), and hear from one of PBPO's nonprofit clients over lunch. This is an opportunity to see how PBPO volunteers like you have empowered nonprofit organizations in their community work. Lunch provided by Jackson Lewis.

**RSVP** to Veronica Tollefson at [veronica@pbpohio.org](mailto:veronica@pbpohio.org).

**Wednesday, June 6**  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Jackson Lewis P.C.  
PNC Center  
201 E. Fifth Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## GENERAL NEWS

### We are hiring in Dayton!

We are pleased to share that we received a generous multi-year grant from the Dayton Legal Heritage Foundation of The Dayton Foundation to hire a part-time Dayton Director and Counsel. Please forward the [job posting](#) onto a Dayton attorney you think would be a great fit with PBPO.

### Congratulations to Barkha Patel!

Congratulations to [Barkha Patel](#) for her promotion to **Director of Education and Senior Counsel**. As anyone who has worked with Barkha knows, she is an amazing asset to PBPO. In her new role, Barkha will focus on nonprofit-specific legal issues and nonprofit education. She will also continue to serve as a resource for our in-house and law firm attorney volunteers.

### Connect with us

