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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Summer has finally arrived, but things are not slowing down at PBPO. Attorneys, we have many open [Volunteer Opportunities](#) and hope you will consider taking on a new volunteer project this summer as your “mid-year” resolution. Nonprofits, we hope to see you at one of our [upcoming educational seminars](#) geared towards nonprofit leaders and board members.

The big news around here is the **generous \$150,000 challenge grant from the Harold C. Schott Foundation!** With our small budget, this is a tremendous opportunity for PBPO and our ability to carry out our mission. Read more about it below, and please, consider [making a new or increased gift to us](#) in 2018. Your donation will be doubled!

Finally, one of the best parts of my job is the opportunity to work with people who are passionate about helping our community. Keep reading to learn more about an important employer resource from the Women’s Fund drafted by one of our volunteers that is designed to help low income wage earners; new PBPO board member Kermit Lowery; and, of course, our Volunteer Spotlight and Client Highlight.

Have a wonderful summer,

Erin C. Childs, Executive Director

GENERAL NEWS

\$150,000 Matching Grant Opportunity

We are thrilled to receive a \$150,000 Challenge Grant from the Harold C. Schott Foundation. For any *new or increased* gifts we receive from now until 12/31/18, the foundation will match the new or increased gift up to **\$150,000!** PBPO will receive double the impact from all donors who increase their gift to us or who donate for the first time.

[Please consider donating today.](#)



PBPO Welcomes Kermit Lowery!

We are pleased to welcome Kermit F. Lowery as the newest member to join the PBPO Board. Kermit is the Vice President of Legal Research Solutions at LexisNexis Legal & Professional, North America, and is a 29-year veteran with LexisNexis, and a well-recognized leader in the Dayton community.

[Click here to read more about Kermit.](#)



Grow PBPO Happy Hour

Thanks to all who joined us for happy hour at the Holy Grail Tavern and Grille last month for Grow PBPO's first event. Even though it was a rainy evening, we had a great turnout and raised about \$800. Special thanks to Grow PBPO members David Bules and Lindsey Baker for organizing this great event!

[View photos from the event here.](#)



PBPO in the News

In May 2018, The Women's Fund of Greater Cincinnati released an [Employer's Toolkit](#), full of common sense and actionable solutions to address the biggest pain points for employers and low-wage workers. **PBPO attorney volunteer, Tammy Bennett** of Dinsmore & Shohl, helped The Women's Fund draft a basic model employee handbook as part of the Toolkit. This Toolkit is an innovative look at solutions to employee turnover and could have national implications on workers living in poverty.



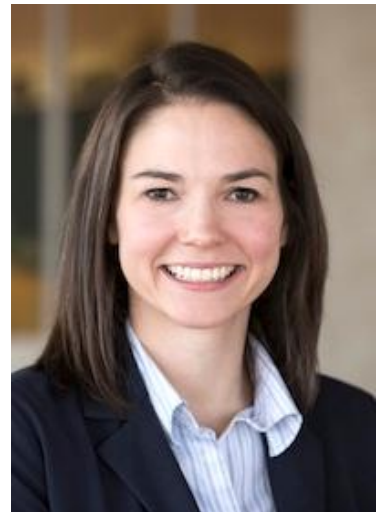
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Kerry A. Mahedy, Montgomery Rennie & Jonson

We were thrilled to recognize Kerry as our 2017 Law Firm Attorney of the Year at the PBPO Volunteer Appreciation celebration in March. Not only has Kerry volunteered for nine separate matters, including projects for Women Helping Women, ToolBank and Circle Tail – but she is also the Co-Chair of [Grow PBPO](#), our new advisory board for younger professionals.

Why does Kerry volunteer with PBPO?

"PBPO is an amazing opportunity to get to know more people in our community who are working hard to improve where we live... when I choose projects for PBPO, I like to find an organization that I want to learn more about and then work to assist them with their legal needs. It is a very rewarding experience."



[Read more about Kerry and her enthusiasm for Grow PBPO.](#)

NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

Therapeutic Riding Institute, Inc.

Therapeutic Riding Institute, located in Springboro, was founded in 1973 to enhance lives by providing accredited therapeutic equine experiences in a safe, fun and compassionate environment. TRI's primary program is working with children and adults with disabilities to provide opportunities for physical, emotional and cognitive benefit through therapeutic horseback riding.

"PBPO stepped in when we needed it the most. We have worked through several projects from working on lease contracts to fundraising policies, logo trademarks and



employee manuals. We hold ourselves to a high standard here, but sometimes we just don't have the time, expertise or funds to navigate legal matters. At these times, PBPO volunteers have stepped in and have always gone above and beyond. From the bottom of our hearts – *thank you!*"
- Christine Pirot, Development Director, TRI



[View a video](#) about TRI and how PBPO has helped, or [read more about TRI on our website here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board 101: Legal Responsibilities of an Ohio Nonprofit Board Member (Webinar)

Nonprofit boards have the ultimate responsibility and accountability for the organizations they lead. *Does every member of your board understand their legal and fiduciary obligations?* Whether you have served on a board for years or if this is your first time, it is crucial that you understand and act to fulfill your legal duties to ensure accountability and transparency.

Join Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio for this free webinar that will cover basic overview of nonprofit board members' legal duties under Ohio law, best practices for fulfilling your legal duties to your organization, and practical tips to reduce the risk of theft by creating internal accounting controls -- whether your organization has 1 or 100 employees.

Wednesday,
August 29

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Online Webinar

Registration closes
August 28.

[Register](#)

Save the Date: Pours for PBPO!

Save the Date for our annual Pours for PBPO Happy Hour at Via Vite on October 4! If you would like to join the Grow PBPO Planning Committee for this event, please email info@pbpohio.org. We welcome anyone's involvement, and hope to see you there!



Thursday, October 4

Via Vite
Fountain Square
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Professionalism CLE for PBPO Volunteers

Mark your calendars for a Professionalism CLE on Wednesday, November 14 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., coordinated by Grow PBPO. More details and registration are coming soon!

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November 14
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Other Upcoming Events

View our monthly Employment Helpline dates as well as our additional nonprofit educational events [on our website here](#).

[View All Events](#)

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