

## A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

At PBPO, one of our core values is gratitude.

I hope you will join me at our **Annual Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Reception** on **March 14th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** at Cincinnati Bell, downtown, and give us the opportunity to thank you in person.

As part of this event, we will be honoring one of our attorney volunteers who has gone above and beyond to help PBPO clients. We're asking our nonprofit clients to consider nominating one of our attorney volunteers for our **Excellent Service to a Nonprofit Award**. Simply take a moment to [email a brief description](#) of the valuable contributions a PBPO attorney has made to your organization by Tuesday, February 20 .

[Register to Attend](#)

[Nominate an Attorney](#)

**W. Breck Weigel, Chair**  
*PBPO Board of Directors*

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## INTRODUCING: GROW PBPO

We are thrilled to formally introduce Grow PBPO, a recently-formed advisory council. Our goal is to support PBPO's mission through service, improved engagement in the community, and assisting PBPO build and secure the resources necessary to continue its excellent service to our community.

Grow PBPO consists of talented and hardworking young professionals who share the belief that nonprofit social service organizations should have access to high-quality business and transactional legal services at no charge. Grow PBPO members will utilize their unique skills and abilities to plan and execute events for PBPO, enhance and increase PBPO's impact, and develop their leadership skills and professional network.

Read more about the talented professionals who are serving Grow PBPO [on our website](#). To learn more about how you can engage with PBPO, we encourage you to reach out to any member of Grow PBPO. Thank you and we look forward to a successful and prosperous 2018.

**Gene Droder & Kerry Bute Mahedy**  
*Grow PBPO Co-Chairs*



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Mark E. Lutz, Jackson Lewis P.C.

After joining our newly formed [Seasoned Counselor Group](#), Mark quickly jumped in to work with 2 of our nonprofit clients. Mark currently works part time for Jackson Lewis P.C., representing employers in labor and employment matters and plays in a band in his spare time.

#### Why does Mark volunteer with PBPO?

"I have enjoyed helping people with a passion for their work achieve their goals. Especially rewarding was the opportunity to work with Melodic Connections, which builds community and enriches people's lives through musical performance."



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

## NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

### National Conference for Community & Justice

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ of Greater Dayton) builds a community dedicated to eliminating bias, bigotry and all forms of discrimination. For more than 40 years, NCCJ has been successfully opposing injustice wherever it occurs.



"We had the pleasure of working with two remarkable PBPO attorneys on two separate projects. I was impressed with their efforts to learn more about our organization and work before discussing the actual projects. I especially appreciated their commitment to timelines, helpful suggestions, and providing us with useful documents. THANKS to PBPO, we have two new friends and ambassadors."

- Mary Tyler, Executive Director, NCCJ of Greater Dayton

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

## GENERAL NEWS

### PBPO Welcomes Allison Kropp!

We are pleased to welcome Allison H. Kropp as the newest member to join the PBPO Board. Formerly a Partner-of-Counsel with Dinsmore & Shohl whose practice focused exclusively on advising non-profit and tax-exempt organizations, Allison has been a strong supporter of ours since PBPO's inception. She is also a valued volunteer, winning our first "Law Firm Attorney of the Year" award in 2016.

[Read more about Allison here.](#)

## Farewell to Claire Combs

We are grateful to Claire Grandpère Combs, Mercy Health, for her time and talent as the Chair of the Volunteer and Outreach Committee, and her dedication to her board service at PBPO. Claire was instrumental in moving forward several new initiatives, including Grow PBPO and the Seasoned Counselor Group.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PBPO Employment Helpline\*

**Thu, March 1, 2018**  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

To request your spot, email Chasity Paul at [chasity@pbpohio.org](mailto:chasity@pbpohio.org) with your employment question and preferred date.

PBPO has partnered with Frost Brown Todd to address PBPO clients' employment questions that can generally be handled in 30 minutes or less. PBPO clients will have the opportunity to speak directly with an employment attorney. Calls will be scheduled in advance, and space is limited to 4 calls per session. *\*This resource is only available to PBPO nonprofit clients.*

**Not a client?** Check out our [client qualifications](#) and complete the [Request for Pro Bono Legal Assistance application](#).

[Request a Spot](#)

### Legal Nuts & Bolts of Board Meetings

**Mon, March 19, 2018**  
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Interact for Health  
3805 Edwards Rd  
Cincinnati OH 45202

Effective and engaged boards are central to strong nonprofit organizations. Many nonprofits struggle with running effective board meetings and educating board members on their basic responsibilities. Understanding these fundamentals will make it easier for a board to undertake the more important work of management oversight and strategic planning.

[Registration](#)

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