

## ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

### Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe we started this journey just five years ago. A passionate group of local lawyers and an idea: *What if we connected area attorneys wanting to make a difference, with nonprofits needing the legal guidance, to create positive change in our community?*

Anniversaries are an opportunity to take a moment to reflect on all that has been accomplished. In just a short period of time, an amazing **650 volunteer attorneys** have donated their time and talents, handling **over 1200 unique matters** for more than **200 area nonprofit clients**, saving them nearly **\$3 million**.

Thank you for all that you have done to build PBPO into what it is today. But with all that's been accomplished, there is still so much to be done. With the future in mind, I ask that you [consider a gift to PBPO](#), so that we can continue this journey and making a positive impact for years to come.

Wishing you a joyful and safe holiday season and new year!



Erin Childs, Executive Director

## GENERAL NEWS

### PBPO Celebrates Five Years!

Leaders from the corporate and law firm legal community gathered together to celebrate PBPO's five year anniversary in November. The event, hosted by three local general counsels: Eileen Brumback of GE Aviation, Debbie Majoras of Procter & Gamble, and Susan Zaunbrecher of Fifth Third Bank, was an opportunity for us to celebrate and thank our supporters for their belief in our vision.

A highlight of the evening was guest speaker, J.D. Vance, author of best-selling book *Hillbilly Elegy*, who shared some insights into his book as well as highlighting the importance of nonprofits in helping people overcome obstacles and achieve their true potential. Special thanks to the event sponsor: The Ohio State Bar Foundation. [View event photos](#).





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## Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession – CLE Program

Grow PBPO hosted our 2nd annual Attorney Appreciation Professionalism CLE. This event was free for our volunteers to show our appreciation for their pro bono work. Thank you to Tara Burke, Megan Glowacki, Robin Shabazz, and Vic Mullins for speaking on the important issue of diversity and inclusion in the legal community.



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## 2019 CLE Credit Deadline

If you have volunteered a minimum of 6 hours with PBPO in 2019, you may be eligible to receive Ohio CLE credit. All pro bono work performed in 2019, whether or not the matter is complete, must be submitted in the 2019 reporting cycle to receive credit. Submissions must include a **Form 23** and time tracking record. CLE credit requests are due no later than **January 15, 2020** to Veronica Tollefson, PBPO Program Coordinator. Please contact her at [veronica@pbpohio.org](mailto:veronica@pbpohio.org) or (513) 977-4011 for more information.

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## Make a Gift to PBPO

As a small nonprofit, we rely upon the generosity of corporate and individual donors to provide our business legal services **at no cost** to local nonprofits. Please consider supporting our work to strengthen, advise, and support the nonprofit community by making a financial donation to PBPO. With your gift, we can continue to serve the community in 2020 and in the future. [Donate Online](#)

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Stephanie Scott, Dinsmore

Stephanie's path to becoming an attorney is unique. Prior to law school, Stephanie worked in the non-profit sector for almost 20 years raising funds and awareness for various organizations. Since graduating from law school in 2017, she specializes in public finance law at Dinsmore,

and still assists nonprofits through her many community involvements and through PBPO. We were proud to award Stephanie our 2018 *Rising Star Award* at our Volunteer Appreciation event in April.

[Read more about Stephanie and her service to the community.](#)



## Why does Stephanie volunteer with PBPO?

“PBPO provides the perfect conduit to help me stay connected to nonprofits. As a young attorney, it also is an opportunity to hone my skills and acquire new skills, as well as develop good client skills when interfacing directly with PBPO's nonprofit clients.”

## NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

### Circle Tail

Circle Tail is an Assistance Dogs International (ADI) accredited organization that provides service and hearing dogs for people with disabilities, at no charge to the individual. They strengthen the human-canine bond through their dog adoption program, educational programs, and dog training services.

Service dogs are trained through an innovative rehabilitative Prison Program at nearby prisons, where Circle Tail has taught inmates to care for and work with their dogs. The inmates are responsible for all the dogs' physical and emotional needs. Dogs not suited to be assistance dogs fulfill their purpose by becoming therapy dogs or as beloved pets.

*“PBPO has benefitted Circle Tail immensely. We’re a small organization, and would not be able to afford the legal services that we’ve been provided. The attorney volunteers always take the time to give us the information we need – we can feel confident that we are doing things correctly, and allows us to use our resources to literally go to the dogs.”*

– Jen Kiblinger, Board President



[Read more about Circle Tail and watch their video.](#)

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