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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

First and foremost, I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. Our heart goes out to all those that have been affected by this pandemic.

It is during difficult times that we often see true tales of courage and kindness. As I write this letter from my home “office”, I am grateful for the many acts of generosity that I have seen in the past few weeks. Our volunteers have quickly stepped in to help nonprofits walk through some difficult decisions. Our nonprofit clients have creatively continued their work where possible and found other ways to help the community. Our board members have provided additional guidance and helped us navigate loan applications despite their own busy schedules. These acts all give me hope for our community and for the day that we can put this chapter behind us and rebuild a future together.

As we think about what's next, we know that nonprofits in our community need our legal services now more than ever. But, like many of them, our funding is in jeopardy. I hope that you consider [a gift to PBPO](#), so that we can continue to walk this journey with our nonprofit clients now and in the future.



Erin Childs, Executive Director

GENERAL NEWS

Welcome New PBPO Board Members!

PBPO welcomed four new board members earlier this year:



Martiné R. Dunn
Partner, [Dinsmore & Shohl LLP](#)



Melissa M. Feldmeier
Deputy General Counsel, [Duke Energy Corporation](#)



Kyle R. Grubbs
Senior Attorney, [The Kroger Co.](#)



Walter Reynolds
Partner, [Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP](#)

We are thrilled to have them join our team and help guide us into the future. [See our current board membership.](#)

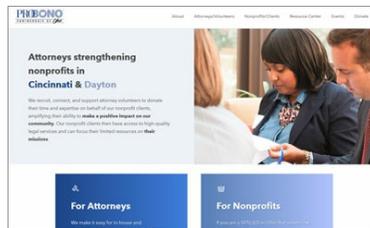
At the same time, we bid farewell to the following founding board members: John C. Huber, [Worldpay](#), Rick J. Landrum, [The Kroger Co.](#), Robert J. Ringel, [Duke Energy Corporation](#), and Kenneth R. Thompson II, [RELX Group](#). We are grateful for their service to PBPO since we were conceived and founded five years ago. We are where we are today because of their generous

PBPO's Response to COVID-19

PBPO quickly mobilized our small staff to support and respond to new needs in the nonprofit community during this challenging time. In the past few weeks, we have:

- Established an [Employment Helpline for COVID-19 Rapid Response](#) offering 30-minute consultations with attorneys to address critical, time-sensitive needs;
- Published multiple, timely [Legal Alerts](#) updating nonprofits about the CARES Act, role of board governance in times of crisis, changes in contract and labor regulations, and much more;
- Co-hosted a free webinar with the [United Way of Greater Cincinnati](#) focusing on emerging COVID-19 legal issues for nonprofit employers;
- Created a COVID-19 designated page on our [website](#) with current and relevant legal resources for nonprofits.

During this time, our operations have continued without interruption as we work together to face the challenges this pandemic has brought to our entire community.



Check Out Our New Website

After months of planning and collaboration with Inspiring Service, we launched our new website. Now, attorney volunteers and nonprofits can apply online and it is easier for our volunteers to search and sign up for legal projects. [Check it out!](#)

\$50,000 Grant for COVID-19 Rapid Response

PBPO is thrilled to share we were awarded a \$50,000 grant from the [Greater Cincinnati Foundation \(GCF\)](#) and [United Way of Greater Cincinnati's COVID-19 Regional Response Fund \(UWGC\)](#). Due to the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 in our region, GCF and UWGC partnered to activate a coalition of philanthropy and business partners to create the COVID-19 Regional Response Fund.

This grant award will be used to expand our capacity to meet the legal challenges of our area's nonprofit organizations during these difficult times. PBPO will assist hundreds of nonprofits in our community, meeting the needs of thousands of our friends and neighbors, creating a ripple effect of care well beyond the abilities of any one of us alone.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Abby Remley, Procter & Gamble

PBPO volunteers often share more than their legal skills, and Abby Remley is one of those volunteers. Abby may be a familiar face to you, as she is often the first person to welcome guests at PBPO events at the sign-in table. She is a unique PBPO volunteer because she not only frequently shares her paralegal skills with PBPO nonprofit clients, but also enthusiastically helps out at our special events.

We are thrilled to have her volunteer with PBPO in so many ways!

Abby has 20 years' experience working as an intellectual property paralegal in Cincinnati. Since 2007, she has worked as a trademark paralegal at P&G for the healthcare businesses.



[Read More About Abby](#)

Why does Abby volunteer with PBPO?

Working with pro bono clients is a very personal and rewarding experience. These clients enthusiastically welcome my experience and perspective. I am very proud that my work is so meaningful to their respective missions. As fun as it is to see one of "my" trademarks on CREST toothpaste packaging at the store, it is so rewarding to hear that a nonprofit which never would have obtained trademark protection for their logo if I had not volunteered to search for and file that mark on their behalf.

NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

CityHeart

CityHeart's mission is to serve as a ministry of presence in the heart of downtown Dayton to the needy, transient and homeless population of the city and surrounding communities. They strive to improve their lives by listening with compassion and care, responding appropriately to immediate and emergency needs, and connecting people with other community resources for long term solutions. They work collaboratively with service providers in the community to help fill the gaps in emergency services and resolve crisis situations for people at risk.

"CityHeart was thrilled to be accepted as one of the first Dayton area members of Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio! We have been very pleased with all the volunteer attorneys who have given their time on our legal projects. We strongly believe that PBPO provides a valuable offering of legal advice to small nonprofits who might not otherwise have the financial capacity for such extensive professional services. Thank you!" Kris Sexton, Executive Director



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