



# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

*Attorneys strengthening  
nonprofits in Cincinnati & Dayton*



For PBPO, 2020 was a year of reflection, transformation, and growth. We reflected on our "PBPO Story" and how far we have come in our first five years of service to the community. We transformed our services into a completely virtual format and, in addition to assisting our nearly 250 nonprofit clients on matters related to contracts, employment, intellectual property, governance, and real estate, we also added a wide array of COVID-19 legal issues to our areas of service. We grew to meet the (often urgent) legal needs of our clients through our COVID-19 Rapid Response Helpline, nearly tripled our Pro Bono Briefs and Legal Alert publications, and hosted 22 seminars for our nonprofit clients, attorney volunteers, and friends. Perhaps most importantly, we surpassed all-time legal fees savings for nonprofits in Cincinnati and Dayton **valued at more than \$3.4 million**. Put simply, this is money now poured back into our community and directed towards those that need it most.

## Thank you for your championship of our mission.

Your support means that you are part of our amplifying effect of service to our community, making a positive impact on countless individuals in need. We do not know what 2021 and beyond will bring, but wherever it takes us, one thing is certain – we can't do it without you.



*W. Breck Weigel*

**W. Breck Weigel,**  
PBPO President



*Erin Childs*

**Erin Childs,**  
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### MISSION:

*Powered by attorney volunteers, we strengthen our community by providing free business legal services and education to nonprofits.*

### VISION:

*We envision a just and equitable community enhanced by thriving nonprofits and engaged attorney volunteers.*





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## OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19:

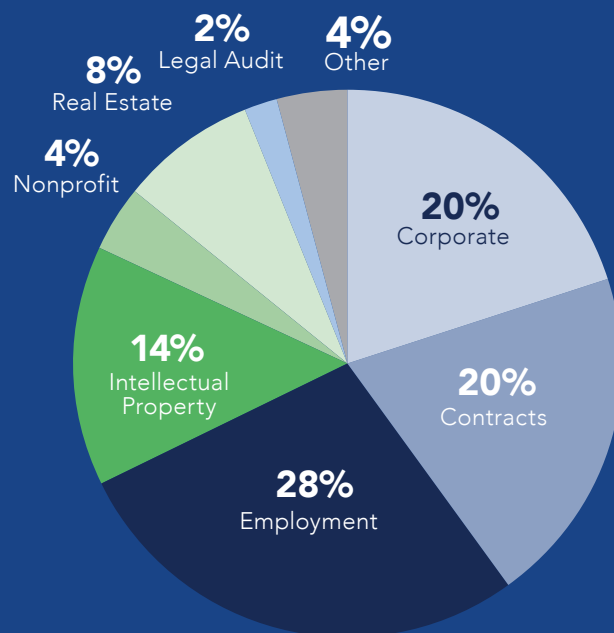
- Published 18, timely **Legal Alerts** updating nonprofits about the CARES Act, role of board governance in times of crisis, changes in labor regulations, and much more
- Led several **free webinars** with community partners focusing on immediate COVID-19 legal issues for nonprofits
- Maintained a **designated COVID-19 page** on our website with updated legal resources for nonprofits
- Responded to urgent legal questions from our clients by establishing a COVID-19 **Rapid Response Helpline**

## VALUE OF LEGAL SERVICES:

All time through 2020



## 2020 LEGAL PROJECTS:



## 2020 AT A GLANCE:

**236** attorney volunteers  
**1,794** volunteer hours  
**324** completed legal projects  
**22** seminars for nonprofits and attorneys  
**38** new nonprofit clients

## 6 YEAR TOTALS:

**249** nonprofit clients  
**730** attorney volunteers  
**1,660** legal matters placed





"I love volunteering with PBPO because it is a phenomenal way to help nonprofits achieve their goals. Legal services are very expensive and not readily accessible without the right network and resources, so I volunteer in hopes of meeting nonprofits' needs so they can go forth and be awesome. Through volunteering with PBPO as a non-native of Cincinnati, it has given me insight on the rewarding and philanthropic work of so many Cincinnati nonprofits."

**Adreanne Stuckey, Senior Counsel,  
Duke Energy Corporation**

## What is your #PBPOStory?



"La Soupe became a non-profit five years ago with both knowledgeable and passionate leadership in food, but without any idea of how to become an effective charitable organization. PBPO and its attorney volunteers have stood beside us all the way, helping us to proactively spot issues organizationally and functionally. And once spotted, they helped us develop plans and tools to enable La Soupe to do the phenomenal work it does – rescuing food that would otherwise have gone to landfills, transforming it into chef-level meals, and sharing it with children and families. We are now in our new space and meeting the challenges of huge growth with confidence because we know we have access to the extraordinary generosity and expertise of PBPO attorneys."

**Lisa Wharton, La Soupe**

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