

## ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

### Letter from the Executive Director

This past Sunday marked the official start of summer. I hope that each of you have already had the chance to spend time outside – despite the sound of the deafening 17-year cicadas – and (finally) enjoy time together with your friends, family, and colleagues. It has been such a pleasure to begin seeing some of you person again!

As our community works through its recovery from COVID-19 and we all find our “new normal,” PBPO continues to stand up every day to support **more than 260 local nonprofits** that are still facing a myriad of pandemic related legal challenges like lease re-negotiations, guidelines on return to work, the COVID-19 vaccine, and more. In fact, we gained five new clients in the past week alone, and we are on pace to serve nearly 1.5x the number of clients than we did in all of 2020.

We also cannot forget all the work we did last year to strengthen nonprofits in our community. This issue of our quarterly newsletter includes our 2020 Annual Report – I hope you enjoy reading it!

Finally, I'm thrilled to introduce to you the newest member of our team: Erin Starkey, PBPO Staff Attorney. Learn about her role and volunteer experience in our nonprofit community below.

**On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your championship of our mission. We are continually grateful for your support.**



Erin Childs, Executive Director

## PBPO News

### Welcome New Grow PBPO Members!

PBPO recently welcomed two new members to Grow PBPO:



Tessa Castner



Matthew Erkkinen



Grow PBPO supports PBPO's mission through service, improved engagement in the community, and fundraising/special events.

## Welcome Erin Starkey, PBPO Staff Attorney!

We are thrilled to introduce you to the newest member of the PBPO team: Erin Starkey. In her role, Erin coordinates and serves as a resource to PBPO's attorney volunteers and nonprofit clients in addition to providing direct legal services. With a wealth of experience in community volunteerism, she brings her expertise to enhance the mission-driven work of PBPO's clients. [Learn more about Erin.](#)



### Battle of the Barristers Trivia Night – June 3

More than 25 teams from Cincinnati and Dayton law firms, legal departments, and nonprofits competed for a trophy and bragging rights in PBPO's first-ever virtual trivia night competition and fundraiser! Congratulations to winning teams:

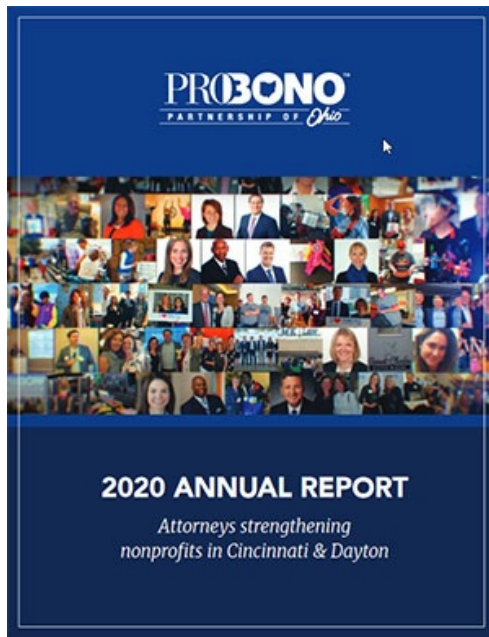
**Procter & Gamble, Team Brains and Braun**  
**Ulmer & Berne, Team Smarty Pants**

### PBPO Attorney Volunteers Honored on National Law Day

National Law Day is celebrated every May 1 to honor the role of law in our society. Several PBPO nonprofit clients celebrated their attorney volunteer with a generous donation to PBPO. Thank you for your support!

- Alexander Manuel Kayne/Jody Lynn Yetzer Charitable Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation in honor attorneys Michael Jacobs and Don Shuller, who assisted OneSource Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Charles Baverman and team who assisted Dress for Success
- Carolyn Krug in honor of attorneys Mark Chilson, Eric Clark, Neal Fairweather, Michael Goldman, Mike Hurst, Michael Jacobs, Meg Johnson, Liz Stock, Adreanne Stuckey, and Sara Sudkamp, who assisted Brighter Connections Theatre and Good Works Farm

- Jane Keller in honor of Jim Lawrence who assisted ArtWorks
- Mary and Frank Chaiken in honor of Jim Lawrence who assisted MUSE, Cincinnati's Women's Choir



## 2020 Annual Report

With your support in 2020, PBPO:

- Surpassed all time legal fees savings for local nonprofits valued at more than **\$3.4 million**.
- Completed **324 legal projects** for nonprofits in Cincinnati and Dayton.
- Engaged **236 talented attorney** volunteers to complete an amazing **1,794 volunteer hours!**

We could not do this without you – thank you for volunteering, donating, and supporting our mission! [Read the full report.](#)

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Bill Flynn, Strauss Troy

It was an easy decision to award Bill Flynn last year's Excellence in Nonprofit Service award because of his significant work with 1N5. In the words of Nancy Eigel-Miller, Executive Director of 1N5, "Bill has been a true gift to our organization. Specifically, he helped strengthen our operations with counseling on employment matters, corporate governance, and more. So when I say he went above and beyond—he went above and beyond." Bill is a shareholder at Strauss Troy, specializes in business law, business litigation, and financial services matters, and, through one of his many areas of volunteer service, has been designated the "the Voice of Mariemont."

Why does Bill volunteer with PBPO?

*"I was finally motivated to get off of the sidelines when I saw that Nancy Eigel-Miller had signed up for some work for the 1N5 organization, which she founded after her husband Jim died of suicide, all while she still had two children to focus on. I knew the family from crossing paths in school and sports and actually coached a few soccer seasons with Jim – so I felt pretty strongly that someone was calling me to not be a bystander... What I could contribute pales in comparison (to the work of 1N5) – and my eyes were opened to how many other Nancys there are out there doing amazing work for people in our communities."*



[Read more about Bill and his sportscasting volunteer gig](#)

## 1N5

Since 2010, 1N5 has been transforming mental health work in Greater Cincinnati. Its mission is to prevent suicide by erasing the stigma of mental illness and promoting optimal mental wellness so that people and communities can flourish. 1N5 works towards its mission through stigma reduction, community engagement, education and programming, policy and advocacy, and measurement and data.



[Read more about 1N5](#)

*"PBPO has been a huge support to our organization by engaging local law professionals to help us navigate and implement the appropriate processes and procedures."* Nancy-Eigel Miller, Founder & Executive Director

## PBPO SUPPORTER FOCUS

### Procter & Gamble

PBPO is humbled by the continued partnership of Procter & Gamble (P&G). A true community champion, P&G has been a steadfast supporter of PBPO since our founding. Its championship of our mission goes far – more than 30 P&G employees serve as PBPO volunteers, sharing their time and talent to strengthen local nonprofits.



Susan Whaley, PBPO Vice President and P&G's Senior Vice President and General Counsel, North America, Practice Groups, and Sector Business Units, shares why she believes in the power of PBPO's work: *"The reason I love to work for and with Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio is because of its mission, but also because it is an efficient way to get the skills and capabilities of dedicated lawyers to the organizations in our community that need those skills the most, enabling them to deliver high impact services for those people who are most in need."*

Thank you, P&G! We are grateful for your generous support.

## 2021 CORPORATE DONORS

**Thank you to our 2021 Corporate and Foundation Donors to date!**



Association of Corporate



Estabrook Charitable Trust in



Harold C. Schott  
Foundation



Thompson Hine LLP

Counsel (ACC) Foundation	the name of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP	TQL Foundation
BakerHostetler		
Bricker & Eckler*	E.W. Scripps Company	Ulmer & Berne Foundation
Cincinnati Bar Foundation	Faruki PLL	Victory Wholesale Group
Cleveland-Cliffs Steel Corporation	Graydon	VonLehman CPA & Advisory Firm
Dayton Power & Light Foundation	Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL	Western & Southern Financial Fund
Dinsmore & Shohl LLP*	Mercy Health Foundation	Wood Herron & Evans LLP
Duke Energy Foundation	RELX Group	Worldpay from FIS
Duke Energy Corporation PAC	The Kroger Co.	

*\*Special thanks to **Dinsmore & Shohl LLP** (Cincinnati) and **Bricker & Eckler** (Dayton) for donating PBPO's office space and supplies.*

### 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.

[DONATE TODAY](#)

### Connect With Us

