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NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Gratitude is one of our core values at PBPO, and I hope you allow the PBPO staff and Board of Directors to say *thank you* during National Pro Bono Week (Oct. 25-29).

Our main event is the annual **Volunteer & Donor Appreciation celebration**. We hope you will join us for this virtual event on October 27th where we will recognize and honor those of you that helped PBPO and our nonprofit clients navigate many challenging decisions and complicated legal situations this past year. Our community is stronger because of *you*. Also, see below for a few other fun opportunities for our volunteers during National Pro Bono Week for us to say hello and thank you in person.

We are **grateful** for your continued support – we couldn't do it without you. Thank you!



Erin Childs Executive Director

PBPO News



Welcome Kellan Grant, PBPO Board Member! We are pleased to announce that Kellan Grant was recently elected to serve on the PBPO Board of Directors.

Kellan Grant, General Counsel, Commercial Engines & Services, GE Aviation



Welcome Suzanne Beck, PBPO Dayton Counsel!

We are thrilled to introduce to you to the newest member of the PBPO team: Suzanne Beck. In this role, Suzanne will focus her practice on PBPO's nonprofit clients and volunteers in the Dayton area. With over 20 years of experience, Suzanne is a welcome addition to our staff and an asset to PBPO's program. Learn more about Suzanne and send her a welcome email.



Join the celebration! We will be presenting our annual individual, corporate, and law firm awards and celebrating our incredible volunteers and donors for the positive impact they continue to make for PBPO's 270+ nonprofit clients on Wednesday, October 27th from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. **Register here to attend!**

2020/2021 Award Winners

Duke Energy Corporate Legal Department of the Year

Rick Landrum Cincinnati Corporate Attorney of the Year **Liz Stock** Cincinnati Law Firm Attorney of the Year

> Alex Conn Rising Star

Graydon, Head & Ritchey LLP Law Firm of the Year

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER & DONOR

Appreciation Reception

Jim Office Dayton Corporate Attorney of the Year

Jonathan Hung Dayton Law Firm Attorney of the Year

Abby Remley & Adam Heider Excellence in Nonprofit Service

Special thanks to our Sponsors!

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Celebrate National Pro Bono Week with PBPO!

CELEBRATE PRO BONO www.celebrateprobono.org October 24-30, 2021

We would love to say hello and thank our awesome volunteers in person for their pro bono service to our community. Special thanks to our Pro Bono Week Presenting Sponsor - **LexisNexis!**



Get the details for all Pro Bono Week events here.



Cheers to our Volunteers! Stop by MadTree Brewing for a **Tuesday, October 26 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** at 3 locations in downtown Dayton, Madeira, and downtown Cincinnati frosty beverage on PBPO. **Thursday, October 28 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** happy hour at <u>MadTree Brewing</u> in Oakley

Save the Date! Annual (Virtual) Professionalism CLE

Free for PBPO Volunteers! Grow PBPO invites you to join us for our popular professionalism CLE on Wednesday, November 10th from 12:00 – 1:45 p.m. The presentation, *Serving on a Nonprofit Board: What Attorneys Need to Know*, will provide an overview of governance and board service basics and discuss ethical considerations for attorneys when serving on a Board. The CLE program will be held virtually. An email invitation is coming soon!

Grow PBPO Service Event

A small but mighty group of Grow PBPO members met up on a hot, sunny September afternoon for a service opportunity at PBPO client, Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati. We helped clean up some of the gardens, remove invasive species, and had fun working together to beautify an important public space. <u>Photos here</u>



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Rick Landrum, The Kroger Co.

Rick Landrum, Senior Counsel at The Kroger Co., has been an incredible asset to PBPO since our inception. A founding board member, Rick has continued his commitment to PBPO's mission through his pro bono service to PBPO's clients. While modest about his contribution to PBPO, he has quietly completed over 20 projects and made a positive impact on each and every organization he has worked with. We are proud to award Rick the 2020/2021 Cincinnati Corporate Attorney of the Year, a well-deserved recognition!



Read more about Rick and his love of Michigan football

Why does Rick volunteer with PBPO?

"PBPO board meetings always started off with a presentation from one of the nonprofits that PBPO assists. Seeing and hearing those presentations and the incredible personal sacrifice many of the founders of those nonprofits had made and are making to serve people in need in our communities was incredibly humbling and inspiring. Working with those leaders and contributing is so rewarding, and the nonprofit folks I've worked with couldn't be more appreciative."

NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

OneSource Center for Nonprofit Excellence OneSource Center for Nonprofit Excellence ("OneSource Center") offers consulting, coaching, training, and leadership development to the nonprofit community. In addition, OneSource Center has a full warehouse of donated office furniture and retail products that are available to qualifying nonprofit organizations.



Read more about OneSource Center

"Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio has been a valued collaborative partner and an indispensable resource to our organization. We utilized their services through our 2017 reorganization process and for a laundry list of business and legal issues that help us provide best-in-class services to the tri-state community. We recommend PBPO highly and often to any nonprofits needing legal assistance. They are the best!"- Christie Brown, OneSource Center CEO

PBPO SUPPORTER FOCUS

GE Aviation

GE Aviation has been one of PBPO's greatest supporters through its volunteer engagement, organization leadership, and strong financial support. PBPO was originally founded in 2015 by W. Breck Weigel, former Chief Compliance Officer and Deputy General Counsel at GE Aviation, and over the past six years, more than 50 GE attorneys have volunteered with PBPO! We are continually grateful to have GE Aviation as a corporate partner to continue to meet the increasing demand for business legal services to strengthen local nonprofits.



"We are fortunate to have this great organization in our community to support the many nonprofits that benefit from PBPO's services. As one of the many corporate lawyers licensed in a different state, PBPO provides a great and unique opportunity to use our unique legal skills to serve the community and give back. At GE Aviation, PBPO has been instrumental in helping us continue to provide pro bono opportunities and we even discuss the benefits of working with PBPO with prospective hires." - Kellan Grant, PBPO Board member and General Counsel, Commercial Engines & Services, GE Aviation

Thank you to the GE Company, GE Aviation, and GE Foundation! We are grateful for your championship of our mission.

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Vision:

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

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

