

## ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

### Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

2021. Another year of unknowns and navigating a new way of life. Despite that, this year also highlighted the generosity and kindness of our community members – you – who continue to make it a priority to support the work of the local nonprofits that make our region a better place for everyone. At PBPO, we know that ensuring access to free legal advice means our nonprofits are stronger – and so are our communities.

In the past year, PBPO helped clients like Black Achievers to protect its important work and unique brand by completing the lengthy process of filing for trademarks. Michael and Brie, a PBPO attorney volunteer, share their story [here](#). PBPO also connected four of our expert attorney volunteers to the National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton (NCCJ) to review a long list of potential business legal needs – employment, governance, intellectual property, contracts, and more. Learn more from Adriane and Kermit, another PBPO attorney volunteer, [here](#)

Our community is stronger when we support one another. Please consider supporting PBPO with an [annual donation](#). Every little bit helps move our mission forward and enables us to strengthen our base of 275+ nonprofit clients, creating a ripple effect of service within our community, with a positive reach far beyond what any one of us can do alone.

I hope you have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

Warmly,



Erin Childs  
Executive Director

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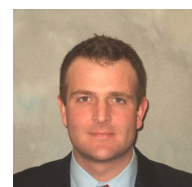
## PBPO News

### City of Cincinnati Proclamation Recognizes PBPO

During National Pro Bono Week, Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley named October 27, 2021 “Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio Day” in honor of our work. The proclamation reads, “*By matching nonprofits with capable, volunteer legal counsel, PBPO serves as a force-multiplier for good by empowering its nonprofit clients to focus their time and resources on their core missions...*” Watch the full proclamation [here](#)

### Welcome New Grow PBPO Member!

PBPO recently welcomed Bryan Kreyling, Western & Southern Financial Group, to Grow PBPO. [Grow PBPO](#) supports PBPO’s mission through service, improved engagement in the community, fundraising and special events.



## Annual Professional Conduct CLE a Success!

As a small “thank you” to our attorney volunteers, PBPO offers an annual free professionalism CLE in November. Thanks to the leadership of Grow PBPO, over 70 attorneys learned how to be better board members by attending *Serving on a Nonprofit Board: What Attorneys Need to Know*. Special thanks to Grow PBPO members Megan Glowacki and Liz Stock for executing an excellent program!

## 2021 CLE Credit Deadline for 2021 Pro Bono Work

If you volunteered a minimum of 6 hours with PBPO in 2021, you may be eligible to receive Ohio CLE credit. All pro bono work performed in 2021, whether or not the matter is complete, must be submitted in the 2021 reporting cycle to receive CLE credit. CLE credit requests are due no later than **January 14, 2022**, to Veronica Tollefson, PBPO Program Coordinator. Questions? Contact [veronica@pbpohio.org](mailto:veronica@pbpohio.org) or (513) 977-4011 for more information.



## 'Tis the Giving Season! 2021 Charitable Giving Tax Deductions Update

The CARES Act offers several benefits through the end of 2021, most notably regarding charitable contributions. Individual taxpayers who take the standard deduction may also claim a deduction for their charitable contributions – up to \$600 for cash donations by non-itemizers to qualifying charities (like PBPO!). Read more [here](#).

# PBPO Holiday Schedule

The PBPO office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day, reopening on Monday, January 3.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Alexander S. Conn, Ulmer & Berne LLP

PBPO was proud to give the 2020/21 Rising Star Award to Alex Conn. Last year, Alex spent almost 44 hours helping a local organization with a substantial real estate transaction, a much longer than average project! Thanks to him, this small nonprofit is on strong footing moving forward.

Alex is an attorney with Ulmer where he has extensive experience in commercial real estate matters. He came into the law profession “late” and pursued other interests before becoming an attorney, including running esports events in Atlantic City and Las Vegas.



Read more about Alex  
and his past in esports

Read more

### Why does Alex volunteer with PBPO?

*“I initially worked with PBPO because of the specificity of the legal needs was made so clear by PBPO – it really made me realize ‘oh hey, I know how to do that!’ I continue to do it because I have had nothing but*

positive experiences working with PBPO's clients and felt like I have actually made a real difference for some of these organizations. It's such a unique feeling that simply donating money does not get you."

## NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

### Your Store of the Queen City

When Lower Price Hill became a food desert, it was a crisis for the community. In response, neighbors organized together and founded [Your Store of the Queen City](#) to create a permanent solution: a social enterprise grocery store. This collaborative effort also involved PBPO clients Community Matters and Price Hill Will. Now neighbors run Meiser's Fresh Grocery & Deli, providing the public with a dignified shopping experience including free and affordable fresh fruits and vegetables, and other healthy food items that every family needs – just in time for the holidays.



Read more about Your Store of the Queen City and Meiser's Grand Opening

[Read more](#)

*"Pro Bono Partnership has been an incredible ally in our work...They've been an essential partner in every aspect of this process, and we couldn't imagine accomplishing this feat without them."* – Reba Hennessy, President & Founder

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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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