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Letter from Outgoing Board President

Dear Friends,

After more than seven years of service to Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio, I have reached the end of my term as President of the Board of Directors.

About nine years ago I attended a dinner gala for the original Pro Bono Partnership in New York. I was inspired by what I heard and knew this was an important resource we could bring to Southwest Ohio. With support of many of our region's top law firms and corporate legal departments, we officially opened our doors in October 2014.



What an amazing journey it has been! During that time, our staff increased from one talented Executive Director to seven staff members who are leaders in their own fields, working to advance the mission of PBPO every single day. We recruited more than 800 expert attorney volunteers who selflessly donate their time and talent to strengthen the legal foundations of more than 280 nonprofits throughout Cincinnati and Dayton. And, perhaps most impressively, we surpassed **more than \$6.1 million** in total value of legal services provided for our nonprofit friends.

I am thrilled to pass the reins of leadership to P&G's Susan Whaley. Susan has been a member of the PBPO board since 2016, and I have had the pleasure of working extensively with her over the past several years as members of our Executive Committee. I have no doubt that PBPO will flourish under her talent, wisdom, and strategic leadership.

In closing, I cannot thank you – PBPO's supporters – enough for your continued support. We are here because of you, and I look forward to seeing where PBPO goes over the next seven years of service to our region.

While this is a bittersweet moment for me personally, I hope to be able to continue assisting wherever and whenever needed. All the best.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Breck'.

W. Breck Weigel, outgoing PBPO Board President

PBPO News

Introducing PBPO's New Board President

Susan Whaley, Senior Vice President and General Counsel - North America Practice Groups and Sector Business Units, Procter & Gamble, was unanimously elected to serve as President of the PBPO Board of Directors. She is the second Board President since PBPO's founding, after 5 years of board service.



New PBPO Board Members

PBPO recently welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors:

Maureen Bickley

Vice Office Member-in-Charge, [Frost Brown Todd LLC](#)

Sue Erhart

General Counsel, [Great American Insurance Group](#)

At the same time, we bid farewell to founding board members **Dave Horn**, *retired from AK Steel*, and W. Breck Weigel, *Squire Patton Boggs*, as well as **Christopher S. Habel**, *Frost Brown Todd*. We are grateful for their service to PBPO for the past 7+ years, their generous support, and thoughtful guidance. They have helped to build the organization that PBPO is today, and their legacy will carry on – but they will be missed!

[See our current Board of Directors and new Executive Committee members](#)



Save the Date! Pins for PBPO Fowling Tournament – Thursday, June 16

Kick off summer by forming a team (or let us pair you) to play fowling! What is fowling? Think cornhole + bowling + football = fun for all! Registration includes fowling, 2 drink tickets, pizza, and a trophy for the best team. Fowling isn't your thing? No problem! Cheer on the other teams and hang out with us. Join us for a friendly competition in support of PBPO's mission. [More information and sponsorship opportunities here.](#)



OTHER NEWS

Lindsey Baker Honored with Prestigious Award

PBPO is thrilled to share that Lindsey Baker, PBPO attorney volunteer and North America General Counsel for GE Additive, was recently honored with the Ohio State Bar Foundation's District 1 Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under. Nominated for this award by PBPO, Lindsey has been a PBPO attorney volunteer since 2017 and has completed an amazing 35+ hours of pro bono service during that time.

A strong champion of PBPO's mission, GE has continuously gone above and beyond. Since PBPO's founding, over 55 GE attorneys like Lindsey have donated their time and talent through PBPO, with an estimated value of services provided at *more than \$420,000*. GE has also generously supported PBPO with charitable contributions totaling more than \$200,000. [Read more here about Lindsey and GE's strong support of PBPO.](#)



New Admittee Pro Bono Challenge – Volunteer and Support PBPO

Calling all new Ohio Bar Admittees! The [Ohio Access to Justice Foundation's New Admittee Pro Bono Challenge](#) encourages new admittees to do as much pro bono volunteering as possible through May 16. The attorney who completes the most pro bono hours will be able to choose an Ohio legal services organization (such as PBPO) to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation. *Give back. Change Lives. Use the law for good.* [Join the New Admittee Pro Bono Challenge today!](#)



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Liz Stock, Bricker & Eckler

Liz Stock, an employment attorney at Bricker & Eckler, is one of PBPO's top volunteers and was awarded the PBPO 2020/2021 Cincinnati Law Firm Attorney of the Year for her extensive service. Not only has she volunteered on 19 separate projects for PBPO clients, but she has also been an invaluable resource for the entire nonprofit community by being our featured presenter for multiple educational workshops, as well as serving on the Grow PBPO Advisory Board.



Read more about Liz and her international background

Why does Liz volunteer with PBPO?

"It's an easy and fulfilling way to help valuable non-profits in the area and give back to the community by applying the legal expertise that I already have and use on a daily basis."

[Read more](#)

NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

Found Village

Found Village exists to empower young people from hard places to reach their full potential. They work with teens in Hamilton County that have experienced significant trauma and use a unique Foundational Trust Model to effectively assess the gaps that standard social systems and family are unable to meet by offering more tailored solutions.

"Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio has been key in helping our understanding of best practices and ensuring compliance and due diligence in our work, particularly around our work with volunteers in the community, young people, and partners. It has allowed us to stay in our lane of expertise and bring in oversight as needed without a fear of what it will cost. Knowing we have PBPO as a partner ...helps us provide the best service to young people and the community." – Katie Nzekwu, Co-Founder & CEO, Found Village



Read more about Found Village

[Read more](#)

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services and education to nonprofits.

Vision:

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