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ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

Letter from The Board President

Dear Friends,

In February, I was honored to step into the role of Board President of PBPO after more than five years of service with a great Board and wonderful Executive Director and team.

The future of PBPO is bright, and we remain focused on several key areas. This includes keeping up with the increased demand for our services, ensuring our attorney volunteers have a positive and meaningful experience, expanding our client base, and maintaining an intent focus on our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

As I step into another new role as Chief Legal Officer at Procter & Gamble, I look forward to working with you to develop innovative ways to engage in-house and law firm attorneys with nonprofits in need. This will create important connections within our legal community and will strengthen the foundations of hundreds of nonprofits, enabling them to concentrate on their own essential missions and making our community a better place for all of us.

I am thrilled to continue serving our community of nonprofits alongside each of you!

Warmly,

Susan

Susan Street Whaley PBPO Board President

PBPO News



Congratulations Susan!

PBPO Board President Susan Street Whaley was recently promoted to Chief Legal Officer and Secretary at Procter & Gamble. We are fortunate to have incredible leaders like Susan serve on our <u>Board of Directors</u>.

Pins for PBPO was a Fowling Success!

<u>Grow PBPO</u>, PBPO's advisory board, raised over \$7,000 at the *Pins for PBPO* Fowling Tournament in June.

The event, with Presenting Sponsor, Dinsmore & Shohl, and Food and Drink Sponsor, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, had over 50 teams of attorneys from local companies, law firms, and nonprofits, vying to be the champions. Team Thompson Hine won the tournament, with Team Technical Fowl from KMK coming in 2nd place.



Special thanks to the committee members who planned this fun and successful event: David Bules, Lindsey Baker, Giles Roblyer, and Maggie Muething. <u>See event pictures</u> <u>here</u>.





PBPO is pleased to share that it was recently awarded a grant of \$54,200 by the Ohio State Bar Foundation (OSBF). This generous gift is the second largest grant PBPO has received since its founding, and it will fund PBPO's work to strengthen the legal foundations of small, community-based nonprofits throughout the Cincinnati and Dayton, OH areas. <u>Read more here</u>.

OTHER NEWS

Jim Lawrence Recognized as a 2022 Senior Who Rocks

PBPO attorney volunteer Jim Lawrence will be awarded the ProSeniors 2022 Seniors Who Rock award in August, in recognition of the value and vibrancy he has contributed to the community, and still gives. Among his numerous community engagements, Jim served on the Board of Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses and the Cincinnatus Association, was active with Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Leadership Cincinnati and is currently one of our most active PBPO attorney volunteers. In the past 5 years, Jim has contributed over 515 hours on over 120 legal projects on a wide range of employment law matters for PBPO clients. He is truly an inspiration! <u>Read more about the award</u>.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Dorothea Langsam, Fifth Third Bank

Thea Langsam, Deputy General Counsel at Fifth Third Bank, is passionate about giving back and has found small and big opportunities to do so over the course of her career, even when it was not always easy. Although she is a "newcomer" to transactional law, she proactively reached out to PBPO to ask how she could be of service to our nonprofit clients and jumped right in to learn all about charitable solicitation. She has since advised numerous PBPO clients in this area, in addition to other legal projects. Thea is becoming an expert in this much-requested area by PBPO clients!





Read more about Thea and her philosophy about giving back

Why does Thea volunteer with PBPO?

"For many years, I thought I didn't have the expertise to volunteer with PBPO. One day, I noticed a few requests to assist non-profits with registration requirements for charitable solicitations in other states. PBPO said they had resources, so I figured I could learn and help a few organizations. The resources PBPO provided were great, and it hardly took me any time to get up to speed. I've learned that lawyers are uniquely able to help others by relying on PBPO's resources and using our legal training and experience (what I call our "legal common sense")."

NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

Good Works Farm

Many families and guardians of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities are concerned about what their loved ones will do in life and where they will live, especially when they are no longer able to care for them. The mission of Good Works Farm is to enthusiastically empower differently-abled individuals to reach their fullest potential in supportive and meaningful environments. They plant seeds of opportunity and grow independence through meaningful, home and community-based programs, including caring for plants and animals on their farm extension property.

"Because caring and providing for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities involves many legal issues, Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio's services have been an essential part of establishing and growing Good Works Farm. As a small and newer nonprofit, legal fees would not have been affordable. The advice of our PBPO attorneys and the volunteer attorneys continue to be invaluable contributions in expanding the services for clients and their families. " – Carolyn Krug, Board Member



Read more about Good Works Farm's work with differently-abled individuals

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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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