

ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

Letter from Executive Director

Dear Friends,

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” – Mother Teresa

I am reminded daily of the positive ripple effect PBPO creates within our community. From empowering the leaders of 300+ small, community-based nonprofits to address legal issues impacting the foundations of their organizations, to working with more than 800 talented attorneys in our legal community who volunteer their already limited time to strengthen our community of nonprofits, our team and I remain honored to be of service. And demand for our services continues to rise.

PBPO is a small nonprofit ourselves, and we rely upon the generous donations of our community members to continue our vital work. **As we celebrate this holiday season, I hope you will consider making a donation to PBPO.**

On behalf of the PBPO team (Barkha, Chasity, Ellen, Erin S., Suzanne, and Veronica) **we are grateful** that you are part of our community. We wish you a joyful and healthy holiday season!



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin".

Erin Childs
Executive Director

PBPO News

Congratulations to PBPO Emeritus Trustees

We are pleased to announce the election of eight former PBPO Board members that are continuing their involvement with PBPO as Emeritus Trustees. These individuals served on the [PBPO Board](#) with distinction and excellence for the maximum length of permitted board service. Serving in this role are:

Ed Babbitt

Western & Southern Financial Group
Vice President and Senior Counsel, *retired*

Christopher Habel

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Richard Holmes

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Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and
Administrative Officer, *retired*

Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate General
Counsel

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VOLUNTEER & DONOR *Appreciation Reception*

The sun was shining (even blinding at times!) and it was a joy to celebrate our volunteers and donors in person again. Congratulations to our award winners for their commitment to pro bono service and their positive impact in our community. [See pictures from the event here.](#)

2022 Award Winners

GE Aviation
2022 Corporate Legal Department of the Year

Scott Wick (Graydon)
2022 Law Firm Attorney of the Year

Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL
2022 Law Firm of the Year

Govinda Davis (Dinsmore)
2022 Rising Star

Mike Keefe (Fifth Third Bank)
2022 Corporate Attorney of the Year

Jason Stuckey (Bricker & Eckler)
2022 Excellence in Nonprofit Service

Special thanks to our Sponsors!

Presenting Sponsor: **Fifth Third Bank** and Event Sponsor: **Ohio State Bar Foundation**

Inspirational Professionalism CLE Event

As a “thank you” to our attorney volunteers, PBPO annually offers a free professionalism CLE in November. Thanks to the leadership of Grow PBPO, over 50 attorneys heard from an inspiring panel by attending *Supporting Legal Access and Social Justice*. Special thanks to Grow PBPO members Corey Asay, Jeni Heis, and Liz Stock for executing a phenomenal program, and thanks to Frost Brown Todd for hosting us! [See event pictures here.](#)



Welcome New Grow PBPO Member!

PBPO recently welcomed Liz Cramer, Senior Counsel at Duke Energy, to Grow PBPO. [Grow PBPO](#) supports PBPO’s mission through service, improved engagement in the community, fundraising and special events.



Holiday Happy Hour

PBPO capped off a month of celebrating and thanking our volunteers and donors at a holiday happy hour with our Board of Directors, Grow PBPO members, and top donors. We are grateful to all for their championship of our mission, so we can continue to support and strengthen local nonprofits.



2022 CLE Credit Deadline for 2022 Pro Bono Work

If you volunteered a minimum of 6 hours with PBPO in 2022, you may be eligible to receive Ohio CLE credit. All pro bono work performed in 2022, whether or not the matter is complete, must be submitted in the 2022 reporting cycle to receive CLE credit. CLE credit requests are due no later than January 13, 2023, to Chasity Paul, PBPO Paralegal.

Questions? [See this link for more information](#), or contact Chasity at chasity@pbpohio.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Govinda Davis, Dinsmore & Shohl

We were proud to give the 2022 Rising Star Award to Govinda at our Volunteer & Donor Appreciation event. An experienced intellectual property lawyer, Govinda focuses her practice on counseling clients – including many PBPO clients - on all aspects of trademark and copyright law.

Govinda has volunteered with 6 of PBPO's nonprofit clients (and counting!) since 2019 – including several that were far more work than the average PBPO project - and the ripple effect of her work is felt across our community.

Why does Govinda volunteer with PBPO?

"I enjoy volunteering with PBPO to help Cincinnati's nonprofits have access to legal services that they would not otherwise be able to afford. These organizations do such great work in our community and serve otherwise underserved populations. It is important to me to give back and pay it forward so that these organizations can continue to make our region a better place."

[Read more](#)



[Read more about Govinda and her cool hobbies.](#)

NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

May We Help

Oftentimes, a device is all that stands in the way of an individual with a disability achieving independence or pursuing their passion. And when that device is not available in the marketplace, that's when May We Help steps in to build custom solutions for individuals with special needs.

They are a team of volunteers, ranging from engineers, inventors, woodworkers, seamstresses, occupational therapists and more, whose skill sets come together to design, build and deliver custom devices at no cost to hundreds of recipients every year.

"In the last four years, May We Help has grown from one program to four, and the number of people we serve has grown fivefold. Plus, we added a commercialization arm to further increase the number of people we can reach with the solutions our volunteers create. But that growth doesn't come without a lot of legal considerations and contracts, questions and challenges, which is why we're so grateful we can turn to the team at PBPO whose services we've relied on since 2015!!" - Rob Seideman, Executive Director

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Special thank you to **Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati and **Bricker & Eckler** in Dayton for donating office space to PBPO*

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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