

## ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

### Letter from our CEO

Dear Friends,

As the parent of a first-year college student, I look forward to my daughter's homecoming this week as winter break kicks off. There is nothing better than having my whole family together, under one roof!

These last weeks, I have been fortunate to have that same feeling at work. Events like National Pro Bono Week and our annual Professionalism CLE bring together many of you – the wonderful Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio community members. It brings me joy to gather with you and **reflect on the impact of your generous involvement.**

We are currently responding to a 53% increase in new clients over last year – organizations that have nowhere else to turn to access appropriate legal support.

Often, our first encounter with nonprofit leaders is in their moments of stress, fear, or disappointment. When you donate and volunteer, you help transform those feelings into confidence, hope, and relief. [Will you make a year-end gift to help ensure that nonprofits can continue to find the help they need?](#)

Thank you for considering how you can continue to strengthen our community through your support of PBPO. **On behalf of the PBPO team, we are grateful for the trust you place in us to put your generosity into action.** We wish you a joyful holiday season!



Erin Childs  
President and CEO

## Welcome!



### Grow PBPO Member: Matthew Felvus

[Grow PBPO](#), an advisory council of PBPO, recently welcomed Matthew Felvus, to its ranks. Matthew serves as Divisional Senior Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Secretary at Great American Insurance Company.



### Development Coordinator: Claire Luby-Colton

We are excited to welcome [Claire Luby-Colton](#) to the PBPO team. In her role as Development Coordinator, Claire will build upon PBPO's fundraising success and help secure the resources PBPO needs to keep up with its continued growth. You can reach Claire at [claire@pbpohio.org](mailto:claire@pbpohio.org).

## Celebrating National Pro Bono Week

Our volunteers are simply the best! Each year, we delight in thanking our volunteers during the National Pro Bono Week celebration. From October 23 – 27, we treated volunteers to coffee, thanked attorneys through special presentations at various firms, and recruited even more attorneys to join our talented volunteer ranks.

A special thanks to our Pro Bono Week Presenting Sponsor, the [Ohio State Bar Foundation](#)!



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## PBPO's Annual Professionalism CLE

As a “thank you” to our attorney volunteers, PBPO annually offers a free professionalism Continuing Legal Education. [Grow PBPO](#) presented “Practical and Ethical Considerations for Attorneys Serving on Nonprofit Boards” on November 17. Over 70 Southwest Ohio lawyers now better understand the potential risks and duties of being both an attorney and a nonprofit board member.



A special thanks to our amazing keynote speaker, Chad Eckhardt, and our fantastic panel of experts and moderator: Allison Kropp, Erin Starkey, Cecilia Tio, and Corey Asay! Thank you also to Frost Brown Todd for hosting us again. We are grateful to the following Grow PBPO members for facilitating an engaging and practical session: Corey Asay, Liz Cramer, Jeni Heis, and Emily Noggle.

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## Holiday Happy Hour

The holiday season is a good time to gather, have some fun, and celebrate! We did just that at Happy Hour with our Board of Directors, Grow PBPO members, and generous supporters.

Thank you to [Taft/](#) for hosting our gathering – what a beautiful setting with the glow of the Fountain Square Christmas tree in the background!



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## Reminder: 2023 CLE Credit Deadline for 2023 Pro Bono Work

If you volunteered a minimum of six hours with PBPO in 2023, you may be eligible to receive Ohio CLE

credit. All pro bono work performed in 2023, whether or not the matter is complete, must be submitted in the 2023 reporting cycle to receive CLE credit. CLE credit requests are due no later than January 12, 2024, to Chasity Paul, PBPO Paralegal. **Questions?** [See this link for more information](#) or contact Chasity at [chasity@pbpohio.org](mailto:chasity@pbpohio.org).



## Save the Date: Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Reception on March 19, 2024

Mark your calendars! We will be celebrating and thanking our volunteers and donors at our annual Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Reception on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Fifth Third Bank on Fountain Square. We look forward

to celebrating and thanking all who help us to carry out our mission.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Megan Glowacki, Thompson Hine

When we opened our doors in 2015, Megan was one of our first volunteers and her involvement has not slowed since then. Even as the Cincinnati Partner in Charge and employment attorney at Thompson Hine, she still prioritizes time in her busy schedule to volunteer for PBPO. In addition to volunteering with over 15 of our nonprofit clients, she also leads PBPO's Quarterly Employment Law Series in collaboration with Thompson Hine, has presented at PBPO educational programs, and is a founding leader and former member of Grow PBPO.

#### Why does Megan volunteer with PBPO?

*"I love learning about each of PBPO's clients and the many amazing things that they contribute to our region. When we can help them with their legal needs, it feels like an extension of helping with their mission."*

[Learn more about Megan](#)



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## NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

### Clothes That Work

Clothes That Work's mission is to clothe, educate, and empower individuals for employment success. For 25 years, it has served the Dayton community through professional image counseling, professional development training sessions, and interview preparation for local jobseekers. An exciting new addition to the organization's services is a 38-foot mobile unit, named The W.O.W. (Wardrobe on Wheels), that will help eliminate clients' transportation barriers and improve accessibility.

*"We are truly grateful for our partnership with PBPO since 2019. As a small nonprofit, having the support from PBPO is invaluable. Without them we would have had to spend thousands of dollars on legal guidance instead of providing more services to clients. PBPO has allowed Clothes That Work to*





*build its infrastructure, increase its capacity, and helped set the stage for projected future growth. PBPO is a phenomenal resource for nonprofit organizations, and we highly recommend their services to other organizations within the nonprofit sector.” – Cindy Garner, Executive Director*



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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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