



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER Summer 2024

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#### Letter from our CEO

Dear Friends,

Summer is in full swing! With kids out of school, many of our programming – providing lunches, camps, and educational programs for individuals cool, and working to ensure our community is safe.

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Things are not slowing down at PBPO either. We have received many client requests in the past two months, we saw 2 times as many new client requests - these organizations are all seeking to strengthen their foundations so they can continue their good work. With your support, the PBPO team is here, ready to help.

Our network of nonprofit clients, supporters, attorney volunteers, and friends continues to grow, and we are grateful to be at the center of it. As always, please let us know how we can assist you – either in tackling challenging organizational legal matters or in finding fulfilling opportunities to put your experience and gifts into action.

Enjoy your summer,

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

Erin Childs  
President and CEO

### Welcome!

#### PBPO Board of Directors New Member: Kevin Howard

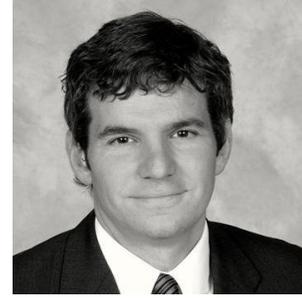
The [PBPO Board of Directors](#) is pleased to welcome Kevin L. Howard, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel & Head of Government Affairs at Western & Southern Financial Group. Kevin brings a wealth of experience to the PBPO Board and his leadership will continue to move PBPO's mission forward.



Kevin L. Howard

## Grow PBPO New Member: Peter Draugelis

Peter Draugelis, partner at Dinsmore & Shohl, recently joined [Grow PBPO](#), an advisory council of PBPO. Peter has been an attorney volunteer with PBPO since 2016 and Grow PBPO is thrilled to welcome him to its ranks!



*Peter Draugelis*

## PBPO News

### PBPO Summer Classic: Cornhole for a Cause – Sold Out Event!



Many thanks go to the **Grow PBPO event planning committee**: Committee Chair Maggie Muething, Sam Berten, Mike Keefe, and Ben Sandlin. We are excited to report that the event raised over \$15,800!

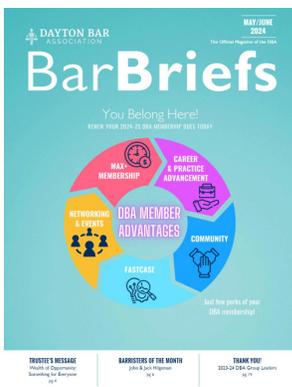


On June 12, [Grow PBPO](#) hosted the annual PBPO Summer Classic: Cornhole for a Cause. With a sell-out crowd of more than 65 teams, the tournament competition was fierce and friendly.

Congratulations to the winning team: Josh Graber and Alex Johnson from Frost Brown Todd!



Cornhole for a Cause was supported by Presenting sponsor Dinsmore & Shohl; Food & Drink sponsors Calfee, Frost Brown Todd, David & Deborah Horn, Taft, and TQL; Cornhole Lane sponsors Fifth Third Bank, Great American Insurance Group, and Thompson Hine; and Team sponsor Bartlett Wealth Management. [Check out event pictures here.](#)



## PBPO published in the Dayton Bar Magazine

Do you have questions on what constitutes quorum, how often meetings must take place, or what needs to be included in Board meeting minutes? Suzanne Beck, PBPO Dayton Counsel, recently wrote an article on fiduciary duties for nonprofit board members that was published in the latest Dayton Bar Association's Bar Briefs. [Check out Suzanne's article here for answers to those questions and more.](#)

## Representation at the State-Level

PBPO President & CEO, Erin Childs, was recently selected to join the [Ohio State Bar Association's Council of Delegates](#). One of the primary responsibilities of the Council of Delegates is to vet committee and section proposals. Erin will bring great perspective to this group through her passion for and awareness of pro bono work. Please join us in congratulating Erin!

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Tara Burke, Jackson Lewis P.C.

Since PBPO's founding, Tara Burke (Jackson Lewis P.C.) has always been willing to jump in and leverage her experience and that of her colleagues to further PBPO's mission. Since 2015, Tara has not only volunteered to assist our clients with their employment needs, but also co-authored 5 *Pro Bono Brief: Nonprofit Legal News* articles and co-presented 19 educational seminars geared toward nonprofit leaders, in addition to serving as co-chair of Grow PBPO for three years.



**Why does Tara volunteer with PBPO?** *"The model of PBPO fits my interest and skill set perfectly. Our firm has expertise in all aspects of labor and employment law. I enjoy making sure that important nonprofits in our community receive the same level of legal excellence that we provide to all our clients. My favorite experience has been presenting educational seminars for nonprofit employers to help them comply with the ever-evolving state and federal employment laws."*

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## NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

### ChangingGears

[ChangingGears](#) works to remove a major barrier for Cincinnati families living in poverty: access to private transportation. The ChangingGears team is dedicated to removing transportation barriers, with the hope that the freedom of affordable and reliable transportation serves as a catalyst to remove other barriers towards self-sufficiency. They accomplish this through three main programs: the Vehicle Purchase Program, the Vehicle Repair Program, and the



Automotive Technician Training Program. ChangingGears recently celebrated 10 years of operations in Cincinnati.

*“We are so thankful for PBPO. The team at PBPO has been a steady support for ChangingGears over the past 10 years. Through webinars, legal checkups, and actual legal matters (some of them very unique), PBPO has helped equip ChangingGears to accomplish our mission.” - Joel Bokelman, Executive Director*

[Read more about ChangingGears and its services to our neighbors in need.](#)



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### Vision:

We envision a just and equitable community enhanced by thriving nonprofits and engaged attorney volunteers.

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