

ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

Letter from our CEO

Dear friends,

As we enter the final stretch of 2024, I want to thank you for the role you played in making this a record-setting year for PBPO! Together, we reached the milestone of accepting our 400th (and counting) nonprofit. We worked on 450+ legal projects and engaged over 330 attorneys as volunteers.

And while these numbers are incredible, they cannot begin to describe the positive impact you have on nonprofits serving our community through your involvement with PBPO. Our growth would not be possible without our strong network of supporters and friends.

With our first decade of service wrapping up this month, **we plan to celebrate our 10th anniversary throughout 2025!** It will be a year of celebration, recognizing the remarkable impact we've made together. Stay tuned for more details.

There are many nonprofits championing important causes in our community, especially this time of year - and many of these organizations count on PBPO for their legal needs. We need your continued support and involvement. [Will you please consider making a year-end donation to 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!

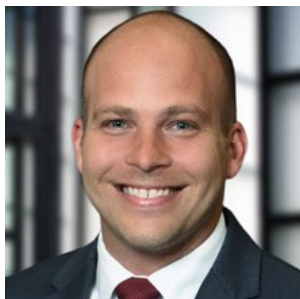


Erin Childs
President and CEO

PBPO NEWS

Welcome! New PBPO Board and Grow Members

We are thrilled to welcome new PBPO Board members [Brian Pokrywka](#), Senior Counsel at Duke Energy, [Ed Stubbers](#), Chief Legal Officer & EVP at CareSource, and new Grow PBPO member [Evan Toebbe](#), Partner at Squire Patton Boggs. These individuals bring a wealth of experience and leadership to PBPO.



Brian Pokrywka



Ed Stubbers



Evan Toebbe

Marty Dunn Receives African American Chamber's Chairman's Award

Congratulations to PBPO Board Member [Martiné \("Marty"\) Dunn](#), Partner at Dinsmore & Shohl, on being awarded the Chairman's Award at [the Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky African American Chamber of Commerce Gala](#) last month. We are grateful for Marty's leadership within PBPO and our community!



Marty Dunn



Erin Childs

A Decade of Leadership with PBPO: President and CEO, Erin Childs

How time flies! We couldn't let the year pass without recognizing and celebrating [Erin Childs](#), PBPO's President and CEO. She joined PBPO as the first employee in 2014 and has guided the incredible growth of our organization to where it stands today. Her leadership, commitment to both the nonprofit and legal community, service excellence, and spirit of gratitude shine through her work to positively impact PBPO's 400+ nonprofit clients. Thank you, Erin, for your decade of service to PBPO and our region!

Help us celebrate Erin by [making a donation](#) in her honor or send her a congratulatory note [here](#)!

PBPO's Annual Professionalism CLE

As a "thank you" to our attorney volunteers, PBPO annually offers a free professional conduct CLE program. [Grow PBPO](#) presented "*DEI in Action: Legal Decisions, Ethical Challenges, and Practical Considerations*" on November 14 to over 60 Southwest Ohio lawyers, hosted by Frost Brown Todd.



A special thanks to our amazing keynote speaker, Neal Shah, Partner at Frost Brown Todd, and our fantastic panel of experts: Kim Amrine, Jessie LeMasters, Erin Starkey, and Susan Street Whaley. We are grateful to the following Grow PBPO members for facilitating an engaging and practical session: Corey Asay, Liz Cramer, Matt Felvus, and Emily Noggle.

Holiday Happy Hour

The holiday season is a good time to gather, have some fun, and celebrate! We did just that at our Holiday Happy Hour with our Board of Directors, Grow PBPO members, and generous supporters. Thank you to Frost Brown Todd for hosting our gathering!



Celebrating National Pro Bono Week

We ♥ Attorneys! During National Pro Bono Week (October 20-26), it was our pleasure to thank our 1,000+ volunteers that provide vital pro bono services. Simply put - we could not support our community of nonprofits without our amazing volunteers! Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, [Ohio State Bar Foundation](#)!



Reminder: 2024 CLE Credit Deadline for 2024 Pro Bono Work

If you volunteered a minimum of six hours with PBPO in 2024, you may be eligible to receive Ohio CLE credit. All pro bono work performed in 2024, whether or not the matter is complete, must be submitted in the 2024 reporting cycle to receive CLE credit. CLE credit requests are due no later than January 17, 2025, to Chasity Paul, PBPO Paralegal. **Questions?** [See this link for more information](#) or contact Chasity at chasity@pbpohio.org.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Bridget McGraw, GE Aerospace

Bridget McGraw, Chief Counsel, Corporate Affairs and Operations at GE Aerospace, was named PBPO's 2023 Corporate Attorney of the Year for her steadfast commitment to PBPO. Since 2016, she has volunteered for legal projects on behalf of more than 15 PBPO nonprofit clients, served as an attorney volunteer for five legal checkups, and has even written a Pro Bono Brief for distribution to nonprofits. The value of her volunteer time is *almost \$50,000!*

Why does Bridget volunteer with PBPO? *"I have been a volunteer with PBPO since the organization's founding in Cincinnati... Being passionate about volunteering, I had been searching for a way to do pro bono work that was aligned with my in-house experience. PBPO gave me just that opportunity. I have been privileged to do a small part to allow incredible nonprofit organizations to impact our community in so many meaningful ways."*



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NONPROFIT HIGHLIGHT

On Our Way Home

Addiction touches everyone's life in one way or another. [On Our Way Home, Inc.](#) is a Peer Run Organization in Clermont County that provides opportunities to build healthy and purposeful lives for those in recovery from addiction. On Our Way Home offers quality, safe, and affordable housing where peers live as one household to support each other and engage in the community in meaningful ways. It empowers those in recovery to improve relationships with family members and to foster a sense of purpose and involvement.



"As a new nonprofit, we could not have succeeded without the support of

Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio. There are so many legal needs for a new corporation! Anytime I have a legal question, I can simply reach out to PBPO Attorney, Erin Starkey, and she guides me through to the answer! Each project brings the most-informed and highest quality legal advice given by lawyers that genuinely care about our mission. We are so grateful!" – Barbara Isemann, Founder and Executive Director

(L) PBPO attorney volunteer, Sarah Topy and (R) Barbara Isemann, Executive Director, On Our Way Home

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Thank you to the following volunteers who committed to assist a nonprofit on a legal project in the 3rd and 4th Quarters of 2024!

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Vision:

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

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