

## ATTORNEYS STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS

### Letter from our CEO

Dear Friends,

We anticipated 2025 marking a great opportunity to reflect on our work over the past decade, as we **celebrate our 10th anniversary**. We never imagined the year also presenting an urgent opportunity to put our expertise and experience into action to help nonprofits navigate a changing legal landscape.

Our phones have been ringing off the hook! **Nonprofits, funders, and partners are eager to work with our team of expert attorneys to better understand changes in law that may affect nonprofit operations.** Our team is diligently monitoring developments, creating new resources, and [sharing current information with the community](#).

Ten years of hard work, strategic growth, and generous support have established **PBPO as the go-to resource for legal education and services for nonprofits in our region**. I am proud to celebrate “A Decade of PBPO” with you in 2025!

**The need for our services is greater now than ever before** Your continued involvement and support make our work possible. We hope you will join us for our **Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Celebration on April 16** to celebrate our collective impact.

Gratefully,



Erin Childs  
President and CEO

## PBPO NEWS

### PBPO is Here for You: 2025 Resources for Nonprofits

PBPO is providing information on today's rapidly changing legal landscape to the community through its webpage: [2025 Landscape: Resources for Nonprofits](#). PBPO is continuously updating this page with the latest resources to keep nonprofits informed about Executive Orders and changes in law that may affect their operations. Nonprofit leaders are encouraged to regularly visit this page for the most current information.

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# VOLUNTEER & DONOR *Appreciation Celebration*

## Join Us! PBPO Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Celebration

PBPO's Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Celebration is extra special this year as we celebrate our 10th Anniversary. CELEBRATE WITH US as we share our appreciation for YOU!

Whether you are an attorney volunteer, community partner, nonprofit client, or donor, you play an important role in our mission and we look forward to seeing you there! Thank you to our generous Presenting Sponsor, [LexisNexis](#).

**Wednesday, April 16 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Procter & Gamble, downtown Cincinnati**

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## Welcome! New PBPO Board, Emeritus, and Grow Members

We are delighted to welcome the following individuals to leadership positions with PBPO!



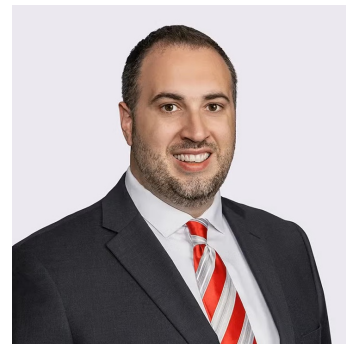
**Board of Directors:**  
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**PBPO Emeritus Trustee:**  
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**Grow PBPO Advisory Council:**  
[Anthony McNamara](#), Senior Associate  
Jackson Lewis P.C.

We are immensely grateful to outgoing PBPO Board members Chris Brown, Melissa Feldmeier, and Allison Kropp, and outgoing Grow PBPO members, Jeni Heis, Liz Stock, and Tara Burke. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to PBPO!

## Congratulations to PBPO Team Members on their Recent Promotions!

We are delighted to announce that [Veronica Tollefson](#) has been promoted to Manager of Program Operations and [Erin Starkey](#) has been promoted to Senior Counsel. Please join us in recognizing Erin and Veronica for their dedication to our mission and continued hard work.



Veronica Tollefson



Erin Starkey

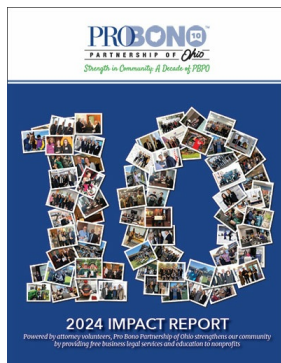
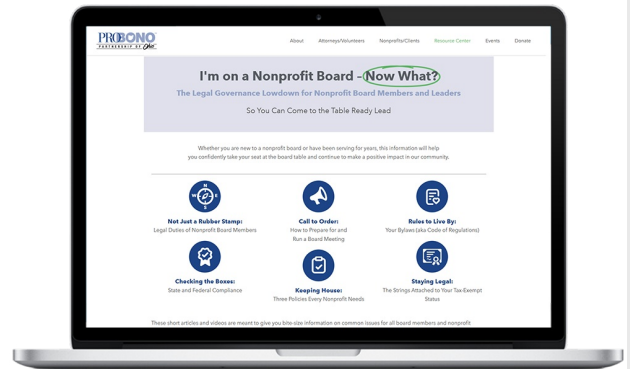
## I'm on a Nonprofit Board - Now What?

The Legal Governance Lowdown for Nonprofit Board Members and Leaders

So You Can Come to the Table Ready to Lead

## PBPO Releases Ready to Govern! Video Series

Just released! Our new on-demand educational video series, *"I'm on a Nonprofit Board – Now What? The Legal Governance Lowdown for Nonprofit Board Members and Leaders"* is a PBPO-produced resource for nonprofit leaders. Whether new or experienced to board service, this series will help nonprofit leaders take a seat at the board table and empower them to navigate their **board responsibilities** with ease.



## 2024 Impact Report

Hot off the press – our [2024 Impact Report](#) is here! Together in 2024, we led 499 legal projects for 201 nonprofits, a 30% increase from 2023. Take a moment to learn more and review other highlights from last year. This year's report includes a timeline to commemorate our anniversary and celebrate our impact over the past decade.

## Attorneys "Give Back" during PBPO Nonprofit Legal Checkout CLE

Last month, over 40 talented attorneys attended PBPO's Nonprofit Legal Checkup CLE, hosted by **Thompson Hine LLP** and sponsored by **the Association of Corporate Counsel, Southwest Ohio Chapter**. After participating in a training on the top legal issues faced by nonprofits, the attorneys met with eight PBPO nonprofit clients to lead them through an issue-spotting legal checkup exercise.



The impact of this program extends well beyond the half-day session. Nonprofit clients are provided with a road map to strengthen their business foundation and attorneys are educated and energized to engage in more pro bono service for nonprofits. It's a win for all involved! [See event pictures here.](#)

## Record-Breaking Attendance at Executive Orders Webinar

Over 380 nonprofit leaders joined us in February for our *'Recent Executive Orders and Nonprofits: What We Know, What We Don't, and How to Get Your House in Order'* webinar. Barkha Patel, Director of Education and Senior Counsel, PBPO, and Patricia Pryor, Office Managing Principal, Jackson Lewis P.C., reviewed recent executive orders and considerations for nonprofits to tighten up their governance and employment procedures. Thank you to [Interact for Health](#) for sponsoring this timely and actionable webinar.

## VOLUNTEER NEWS

### Tara Burke awarded the ABA Business Law Section's National Public Service Award

PBPO attorney volunteer [Tara Burke](#), Knowledge Management Attorney at Jackson Lewis P.C., was recently selected as the recipient of the American Bar Association Business Law Section's [National Public Service Award](#) for her incredible volunteer work with both PBPO and [Exponentum](#)! She will be honored during a ceremony at the ABA's Business Law Section Meeting on April 25. Tara exemplifies the commitment to pro bono service recognized by this award, and we are grateful to her for her service over the past 10 years!



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Thank you to our 2024 supporters!





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## **Thank you to the following volunteers who recently committed to assist a nonprofit on a legal project!\***

*\*During the time range of December 3, 2024 - March 18, 2025*

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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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