

Dear Friends,

We are carrying forth the energy, enthusiasm, and innovation from a record-setting year into 2026!

Nonprofits continue to turn to PBPO for legal and practical guidance grounded in today's environment. Our team is informed, proactive, and accessible. We showcased new approaches to making legal education more interactive and digestible at a statewide February webinar. We plan to offer more opportunities for you to engage in this learning in the future.



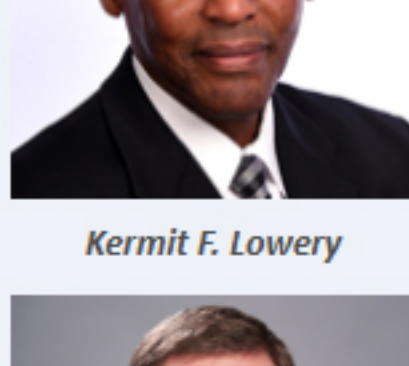
We are also kicking off development of a new strategic plan to chart our near-, mid-, and long-term course. We remain committed to supporting nonprofits navigating the legal landscape, engaging our legal community through meaningful pro bono opportunities, and expanding our impact. We look forward to sharing more about our planning process with you throughout the year.

Please [join us for our annual Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Celebration on April 21](#) – we have much to celebrate!

Thank you for your continued involvement and support.

Erin Childs
President & CEO

PBPO NEWS



Kermit F. Lowery

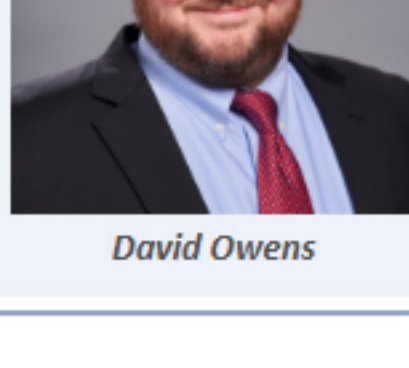
Congratulations and Welcome!

PBPO EMERITUS TRUSTEES

Kermit F. Lowery was elected as an Emeritus Trustee, after having completed an incredible seven years of service on our [Board of Directors](#) and as he retires from his professional role as Vice President and Head of Legal, North America, LexisNexis Legal and Professional. Thank you, Kermit, for your ongoing support!

GROW PBPO ADVISORY COUNCIL

David Owens, Corporate Counsel - Labor & Employment, The Kroger Co., was selected as a Grow PBPO Member.



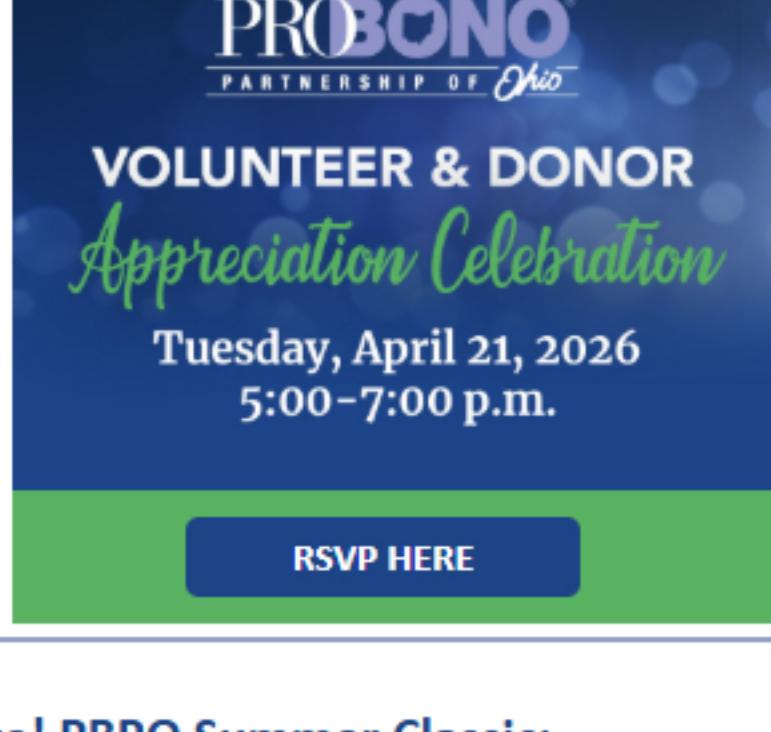
David Owens

We recognize and thank the following attorney volunteers for their leadership through recently completed terms on our [Board of Directors](#) and [Grow PBPO](#): Brian Pokrywka, Corey Asay, and Matt Wagner.

Join us! Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Celebration

Calling all PBPO volunteers, supporters, nonprofit clients, and partners – this celebration is for YOU! Join us as we honor the outstanding individuals, corporations, and law firms who make our mission possible. A very special thanks to Presenting Sponsor, LexisNexis!

Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fifth Third Bank Atrium, Downtown Cincinnati



Save the Date! PBPO Summer Classic: Cornhole for a Cause

Summer will be here before we know it! Our annual cornhole tournament and happy hour will take place on **Wednesday, June 17** at 5:00 p.m. at Oakley Greens. More details coming soon! Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

MISSION IN ACTION

Legal Checkup Strengthens 4 Paws for Ability & 6 Other Nonprofits

Our Nonprofit Legal Checkup is a great example of our mission in action.

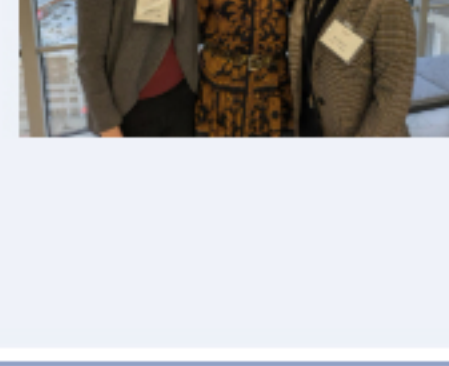
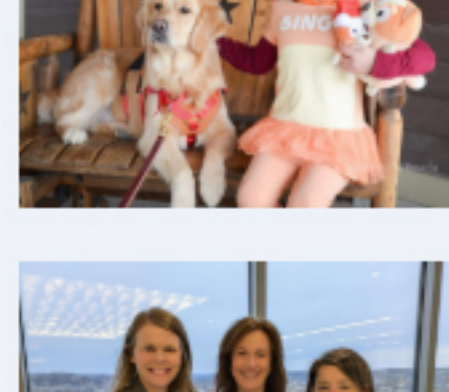
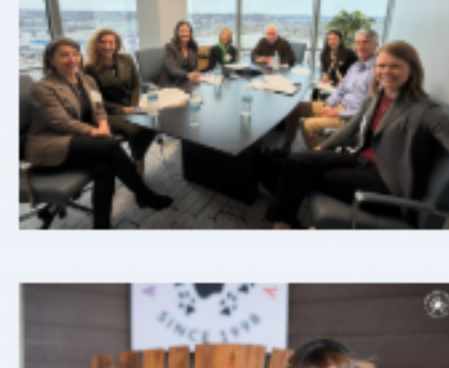
This multi-faceted, hands-on educational program benefits both nonprofits and attorneys through targeted legal training and focused small group issue-spotting legal work.

Together with the Association of Corporate Counsel - Southwest Ohio Chapter and Thompson Hine LLP, PBPO led its Nonprofit Legal Checkup program on February 24. Seven PBPO nonprofit clients and 40 attorney volunteers participated in the program. [See photos here.](#)

One of the participating nonprofits was [4 Paws for Ability](#), an organization that breeds, raises, trains, and places service dogs with children and veterans who have disabilities. While 4 Paws for Ability has been a PBPO client for more than five years, the Nonprofit Legal Checkup provided an opportunity to dig deeper.

"...it was really insightful to consider additional areas that we could receive legal support and benefit from the experienced perspective of PBPO and the volunteer attorneys," said Jennifer Lutes, Executive Director, 4 Paws for Ability.

Attorneys who attended the Legal Checkup felt its positive impact, too. [Read more here.](#)



PBPO is serving as partner for the GCF Better Together Fund

PBPO was selected to serve as a capacity building partner for 34 local nonprofits through the [Better Together Fund](#), led by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. PBPO will provide legal services and education to qualifying organizations as they focus on capacity, partnership, and stability. PBPO is grateful for this opportunity to help strengthen our region's nonprofits!

Nonprofits across the state access PBPO's legal education

PBPO partnered with our nonprofit client, the [QCDC](#), and [The George Gund Foundation](#) on an interactive and timely webinar, "Practical Resilience for Nonprofits," that attracted 200 statewide registrants. The session was focused on ensuring nonprofit leaders and boards are ready to govern in today's environment. Check out our website for information your nonprofit should know about the [2026 federal legal landscape](#).

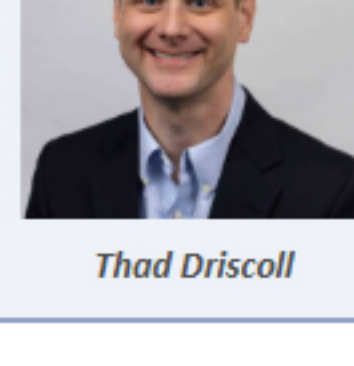


2025 was a record-setting year!

Check out the highlights in our new [2025 Impact Report](#) and relive some of your favorite moments from our anniversary year!

Corporate Counsel Humanitarian Award Presented to PBPO Attorney Volunteer

Congratulations to Thad Driscoll, Executive Counsel – Environmental, Health and Safety, GE Aerospace, who recently received the [2025 Corporate Counsel Humanitarian Award](#). We're grateful Thad chooses to honor his commitment to serving others through his pro bono work with PBPO's clients!



Thad Driscoll

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

*Volunteers committing to a legal project, 11/10/2025 – 3/17/2026

- Stephanie Allgeyer
- Lindsey Baker
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- Kennedy Brooks
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- Lizzy Dobbins
- Thad Driscoll
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- Hunter Taylor
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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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