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THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT:

One merger. Three PBPO clients. Hundreds of nonprofits impacted.

When three PBPO nonprofit clients decided to explore a merger, they needed more than legal advice. They needed a coordinated team capable of guiding a complex transaction.

PBPO helped assemble six attorney volunteers from three separate law firms, while four PBPO staff attorneys provided ongoing counsel throughout the six-month process. Each nonprofit had its own law firm and its own PBPO attorney, ensuring independent representation every step of the way.

The result was BEAM Center for Nonprofits, a new organization positioned to strengthen hundreds of nonprofits across our region.

See how this extraordinary collaboration turned three PBPO clients into one powerful new force for the nonprofit sector.

[READ MORE](#)

Congratulations and Welcome!

PBPO is proud to welcome two new members to our **Board of Directors** and **Grow PBPO Advisory Council**:



Sarah Sparks Herron
VP & Deputy General Counsel
Western & Southern Financial Group
PBPO Board of Directors



Sarah Ray
Assistant General Counsel, Divisional AVP
Great American Insurance Group
Grow PBPO

We recognize and thank the following attorney volunteers for their service and leadership on our Board of Directors and Grow PBPO: Sue Erhart, Matt Felvus, and Kevin Howard.

Join us for a free CLE! The Attorney's Guide to Nonprofit Board Service

Grow PBPO invites you to our Annual Professionalism CLE on November 12 at the Taft Center:

The Attorney's Guide to Nonprofit Board Service: Practical & Ethical Considerations for Lawyers Serving on Nonprofit Boards

Lawyers are highly valued board members, but board service comes with unique ethical and professional considerations. Featured speaker **Megan Okun, Esq.** will explore the questions attorneys should ask before joining a board and the responsibilities that come with the role, followed by a panel of experienced attorney board members discussing real-world scenarios.



[More info and registration here](#)



We Love Our Volunteers a Latte!

Our favorite week of the year is almost here! **October 25-31 is National Pro Bono Week**, and we want to celebrate YOU, our attorney volunteers! You are the heartbeat of our work, and your pro bono service makes our community stronger.

Please **join us for a free coffee** at **one of our local celebrations** so we can thank you in person. [See dates and times here.](#)

A **special matching gift opportunity** will also be launching next week! All donations to PBPO, up to \$30,000, will be matched thanks to the generosity of Dave & Debbie Horn. Stay tuned for details.

Special thanks to the **Ohio State Bar Foundation** for serving as Presenting Sponsor of PBPO's Pro Bono Week events.



Interact for Health teams up with PBPO on capacity building efforts

PBPO is grateful for the generous support from Interact for Health to serve as a capacity building partner! Through this partnership, Interact for Health and PBPO are hosting a **free** webinar for all nonprofit leaders on October 27:

Preparing Today for Tomorrow's Challenges: Nonprofit Governance and Compliance

Through real-world scenarios, participants will gain practical guidance for navigating common governance challenges with confidence.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Preparing Today for Tomorrow's Challenges: Nonprofit Governance and Compliance

When we think about resilience in the nonprofit sector, we often think about surviving challenges such as funding cuts, workforce shortages, political pressures, and growing community needs.

But resilience isn't just about weathering the storm. It's about being prepared for it.

Oct 27
1 to 2 p.m.

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Erin Childs
Esq., CEO

Erin Starkey
Esq., Senior Staff Attorney

Barkha Patel
Esq., Senior Staff Attorney & Education Director

PBPO volunteers in action

Our **Grow PBPO Advisory Council** recently spent an afternoon of service and team building with our client, **Santa Maria Community Services**. Grow PBPO volunteers helped organize supplies for home visits and sorted through clothing donations.

Santa Maria was one of PBPO's first clients in 2015. With our legal support, they recently broke ground on a **transformational new space** in Price Hill that will house their programs under one roof. We are honored to be able to work with nonprofits like Santa Maria as they evolve and grow to meet the changing needs in our community.

[See Grow PBPO in action here](#)



Thank You

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the attorney volunteers who recently stepped up to support a nonprofit on a legal project.

TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We are grateful to the many individuals, foundations, businesses, and law firms who make our work possible. Special thanks to our Champion Companies, Firms, and Foundations listed below.

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