

Helping Attorneys Strengthen Nonprofits



Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2016

Letter from the Executive Director

As we enter the season of giving thanks, we are humbled by the work our attorney volunteers have done for our clients and our community.

In two short years we have had **300+ corporate volunteers** provide direct legal services to over **80 Cincinnati and Dayton nonprofits** on **365+** different legal matters. Their work is critical in ensuring our community is empowered by thriving nonprofits.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

#GivingTuesday is the "global day of giving" the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. As you get in the holiday spirit, please consider **donating** to PBPO so that we may continue to strengthen our community by engaging attorney volunteers to provide nonprofits with free legal services tailored to their business needs.

In addition to donating, there are other ways to get involved with Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio:

- * **Volunteer** with us
- * Like us on **Facebook**
- * Spread the word about our services to other **nonprofits**

As always, thank you for the work you do for PBPO and for our community.

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

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Ohio Supreme Court Approves New Attorney Status

Emeritus Pro Bono Attorney

We are thrilled the Ohio Supreme Court has once again made it easier for attorneys to provide *pro bono* services with organizations like PBPO. This time its focus is on retired/inactive attorneys.

Effective September 15, the new **Emeritus Pro Bono Attorney** registration status permits inactive Ohio attorneys to provide limited legal services in association with a pro bono organization recognized by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The registration fee is only \$75.

Attorney qualifications include:

- admitted to the practice of law in Ohio
- practiced law for a minimum of 15 years
- good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio

[Read more](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: Sarah St. Clair

Fifth Third Bank

Vice President - Business Controls Manager

Sarah has been an especially important asset to PBPO in 2016. She assisted 5 different nonprofit clients as well as volunteered at our Pours for PBPO fundraiser last month.



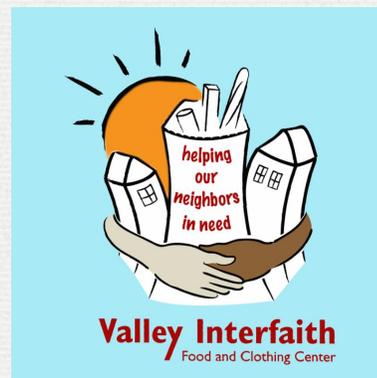
When asked about her motivation for volunteering with PBPO, Sarah responded: *"I once read a quote that said: 'A meaningful life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being perfect. It is about being real, being humble, being able to share ourselves and touch the lives of others.' It is a privilege to help local non-profits continue to share themselves with their community and to touch the lives of our neighbors daily. I am deeply grateful for their compassion, hard work, dedication and commitment. It makes me proud to call Cincinnati home."* We feel privileged to have Sarah volunteer with us!

Thank you Sarah!

Nonprofit Highlight: Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing Center

Meet a PBPO Client

Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center is a primarily volunteer organization in the upper Millcreek Valley, dedicated to helping the less fortunate in its area. It provides food, clothing, emergency financial assistance and resources to individuals and families living in 13 area communities. It helps an average of 45 individuals each day, equating to over 20,000 client visits per year.



"Like most non-profits, Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing Center is primarily funded through donations. This does not allow much budgeting for legal services. We have been lucky enough to be able to work with Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio to handle many of our regulatory needs. We found their 'Legal Checkup' to be invaluable both in pointing out deficits in our paperwork and also prioritizing which needs were greatest. We have had great lawyer volunteers matched with Valley whose expertise has produced many needed documents. Valley greatly appreciates the assistance we have received from Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio. Thanks to the good work of PBPO we have been able to spend more of our time and dollars doing our primary mission."

- Ken Radziwon, Interim Executive Director

Other News

It's Time for Year-End CLE Credit Submission: If you are an attorney volunteer, and have volunteered at least 6 hours in 2016 with PBPO, you may be eligible to receive CLE credit. Please contact Veronica Tollefson at veronica@pbpohio.org for more information.

Pours for PBPO Update: Thanks to the 100+ friends, volunteers, and clients who attended our *Pours for PBPO* fundraiser event! We had a fantastic turnout and hope everyone is continuing to spread cheer with their new pint glasses. View more photos [here](#).





Upcoming Events

"Sparkle for Good" OTR Pop-Up Shop benefits PBPO

Sunday, November 20
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
The Brick (at MORTAR)
1327 Vine St., Cincinnati

Kick start your holiday shopping, enjoy some coffee, Holtman's donuts, and support a good cause by shopping at this "Gives-Back Boutique" that is popping up in OTR. 30% of all proceeds will benefit PBPO. Features jewelry, custom-sewn items and great gifts!



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*note you can shop the pop-up shop all weekend and PBPO will receive 20% if you choose us as the beneficiary

Best Practices for Nonprofits: Identify and Reduce Employment Law Risk in 2017

Tuesday, January 11
1:30 - 3:00 pm
Interact for Health, Cincinnati

Nonprofit leaders: Please join us for a **free** employment seminar that will provide practical advice to help nonprofits implement best practices and reduce risk in your workplace.

Learn about steps to take to ensure up-to-date and legally compliant personnel policies, and strategies to avoid litigation.

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