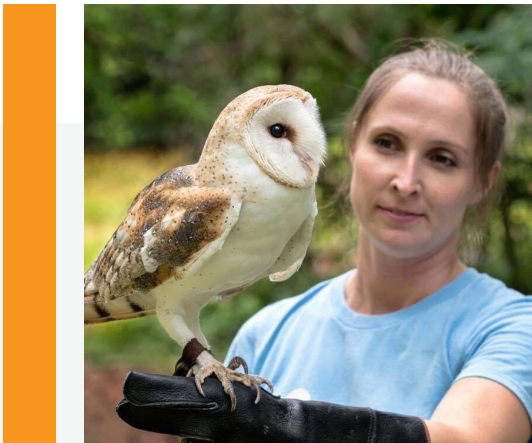


# 2019

## year in review



# Our Mission

Our mission is to maximize the impact of pro bono engagement by connecting a network of volunteer attorneys with nonprofits in need of free business legal services.

# 2019

## About Us

We connect volunteer attorneys with Georgia nonprofits in need of free business legal services. Our clients work to improve the lives of the homeless, domestic violence survivors, at-risk youth, senior citizens, individuals with disabilities and other groups in need.

**SINCE OUR LAUNCH IN 2005, PRO BONO PARTNERSHIP OF ATLANTA HAS ASSISTED OVER 945 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITH OVER 7,500 DIFFERENT LEGAL MATTERS.**

# Dear Friends and Supporters,

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The highlight of 2019 was the celebration of our 50th Nonprofit Legal Check Up in September at King & Spalding. Attorneys from UPS, The Coca-Cola Company, and King & Spalding helped identify 123 legal issues for 12 nonprofits. Attendees enjoyed cake as we celebrated the far-reaching accomplishments of Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta's signature program over the last 12 years:

- 508 nonprofit clients served
- 4,581 legal matters identified
- 1,738 volunteer attorneys
- \$3.5 million in free legal advice

The Legal Check Up enables attorneys from law firms and corporations to mitigate legal risks for nonprofits across Greater Atlanta. I would be remiss if I did not thank The UPS Foundation for sponsoring the Nonprofit Legal Check Up since 2010, and Senior Corporate/Tax Counsel Robyn Miller for serving as the staff lead for the program since inception.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff team at PBPA, thank you for supporting us!

*Rachel*

Thank you,  
Rachel Epps Spears



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# 2019 BY THE NUMBERS

## Value of Services

# \$4.5 million

# 733

Volunteers

# 75%

of volunteers have  
increased participation  
in pro bono

# 50 new clients

# 945 total clients

# 845 client matters

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\*Three or more volunteers

*PBPA has strengthened our agency by providing access to legal resources that otherwise would have been out of reach for our small nonprofit. They identified areas of risk, some we didn't even know about, and found an expert volunteer lawyer to help us with each one. With a strong organizational foundation, we were able to double our budget to serve more families than ever before. We couldn't have done it without their help!*

- Rainie B. Jueschke, CFRE, Executive Director, Innovative Solutions for Disadvantage & Disability

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# Nonprofit Client Profile: PCCI



For over 20 years, Project Community Connections, Inc. (PCCI) has helped people in Atlanta and beyond experiencing homelessness find permanent affordable housing.

security,” states Margaret Schuelke, Co-CEO of PCCI.

In 2019, PCCI received news they’d been waiting for – the approval to receive a low-income housing tax credit. This was the first step to a much bigger goal which will allow PCCI to build 117 units of affordable housing on their property.

Alison has been an essential part of bringing this goal to fruition. “Throughout tricky and complicated real estate transactions, she has always been there for us,” said Co-CEO Jimiyu Evans. “She always treats us as she would any other client. She always makes time for us, taking phone calls when she’s traveling, at the airport – even on family vacations.”

One of the things that makes Alison such a remarkable volunteer is that she maintains a low profile. “She stays in the shadows, doing what needs to be done without fuss and staying out of the limelight,” Margaret comments.

“She doesn’t know what an integral part of our team she is,” adds Jimiyu.

PCCI continues to thrive because of great Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta volunteers like Alison Boyer.



**Alison Boyer with PCCI Co-CEO Jimiyu Evans**

Alison Boyer began working with PCCI as a volunteer with Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta in 2018. Originally PCCI had a very specific request for Alison – help with reviewing

a lease agreement. Over the course of the next several months, the team at PCCI and Alison developed a close working relationship which has continued.

After the initial lease review, Alison graciously and willingly continued reviewing purchasing and joint agreements for PCCI. But beyond that, she has been able to offer comprehensive legal reviews of all of PCCI’s real estate projects. “As a non-profit, sometimes you don’t know what you don’t know. Alison’s work with us has given our board a great deal of



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