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Kloos

Brenda M. Kloos, member of Frost Brown Todd's personal and succession planning practice group, has been recognized for her voluntarism with the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. Kloos was honored for improving accountability and

effectiveness in the United Way volunteer program. She received this honor at the annual Leaders and Legends Luncheon in May. Kloos has been a member of the United Way's accountability and services cabinet and building committee since 2003, chairing the committee the last six years. Significant projects have included negotiating the sale of the Middletown and Eastern Area buildings and leading the five-year process that resulted in the total renovation of the Regional Center Building.



Moore

Donald C. Moore has been named president elect of the Ohio Association for Justice (OAJ). Moore has been a member of the OAJ board of trustees since 2006, having also served as secretary, treasurer and vice president. The

OAJ is the only statewide association of attorneys whose missions are to preserve constitutional rights and protect access to the civil justice system for all Ohioans through advocacy in the courthouse, statehouse and Bureau of Workers' Compensation. OAJ member attorneys practice in areas such as workers' compensation, medical negligence, products liability, family law, insurance law, employment and civil rights law, and general negligence. Moore founded the Moore Law Firm and has more than three decades of experience representing clients in various personal injury claims involving automobile accidents, product liability and injuries suffered on the job. In 2010, he received the OAJ Distinguished Service Award in addition to being named Distinguished Practitioner in Residence by the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in 2010.



Diller

Edward D. Diller, partner-in-charge of Taft Stettinius & Hollister's Cincinnati office, has been elected to the board of Downtown Cincinnati Incorporated (DCI) and re-elected to the board of Mennonite Central Committee US (MCC), where

he will serve as treasurer. DCI is a non-profit business organization with a mission to build a dynamic metropolitan center valued as the heart of the region. MCC is a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches which focus on disaster relief, sustainable economic development and peace and justice issues. MCC has workers or financial commitments in more than 50 countries around the world, including the U.S. and Canada. Diller has been an attorney in the business and finance department at Taft since 1976 and a partner since 1984. He is a member of the firm's executive and development committees, and practices primarily in the areas of real estate, health care and general corporate law.



McKay

Bernard L. McKay, chair of Frost Brown Todd's personal and succession planning practice group, has been selected to Leadership Kentucky's Class of 2012. Leadership Kentucky was founded in 1984 and is one of the oldest, statewide leader-

ship programs in the United States. McKay is certified as a specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law by the Ohio State Bar Association, and is a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). He concentrates his legal practice on estate planning, probate and trust administration matters and issues that confront family-owned businesses. He also represents clients having a wide array of legal concerns ranging from planning for incapacitation, transmission of wealth at death, family business succession planning and charitable giving, most all of which involve sophisticated tax issues.



Parrish

Buechner Haffer Meyers & Koenig Co. LPA announces the affiliation of **Dawne McKenna Parrish** with the firm. Parrish practices in the areas of employee benefits, employment, business, taxation, and estate planning. She received her undergradu-

ate degree in business administration from Kent State University and is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, where she earned both her MBA and JD. Parrish was in private practice with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP and was affiliated with the Kroger Co. and the Western and Southern Life Insurance Company prior to joining the firm.



Johnson

The Hamilton County Public Defender Commission has selected **W. Kelly Johnson** of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur's Cincinnati office to serve as the interim Hamilton County Public Defender. Johnson replaces Shelia Kyle-Reno, who resigned effective

April 12, 2012 to pursue other opportunities. Johnson brings to the role more than 25 years of criminal law experience in both the public and private sectors. He is a partner and chair of Porter Wright's white collar and government investigations practice group. Johnson's private practice focuses on white collar crime and civil/criminal forfeiture; he has extensive experience in cases involving fraud, money laundering, tax evasion, environment, and Internet crimes. Prior to joining the firm, Johnson spent more than a decade in public service as an assistant federal public defender representing indigent criminal defendants in the federal courts in Cincinnati, Dayton and Northern Kentucky and supervising the Cincinnati and Dayton federal public defender offices. He is a past president of the Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Johnson's service to the Public Defender's Office is being provided on a *pro bono* basis from Porter Wright.