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Mr. Kaplan is active in the Collegeville Rotary as Past President and, most recently, Assistant Governor. He has been a leader in many community organizations and Montgomery Bar Assn. Committees and is a member of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (NOSSCR). He authored the [Estate Mate Planner](#) with

**Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities -
Its Service and Growth**

Through training and experience, attorneys have a special opportunity to understand the needs and wants of the world around them. With that understanding, attorneys have a unique opportunity to positively impact their community. O'Donnell, Weiss & Mattei, P.C. was founded by three individuals to whom community involvement was a given. Every one of us at OWM Law understands that volunteering is part of our professional responsibility. This article highlights one of the organizations with which we have chosen to be involved.

The Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities (PCRC or Cluster) provides tangible services, support and spiritual guidance addressing basic needs of people in Pottstown and throughout our region. Its programs provide food, clothing and housing assistance for people living in or near the poverty levels. PCRC provides a hand-up in its educational and support programs.

The program began in 1967 with significant support from a wide cross-section of the religious community in Pottstown. Its goal has been to unite the various religious communities to work together in an organized fashion, to provide emergency services and dialogue.

After many years of moving to temporary locations, the PCRC acquired 57 North Franklin Street in Pottstown as a permanent location in 2011. The permanent center has allowed them to expand educational programming such as "Understanding Poverty to Plan and Preserve" (UP3) which provides workshops for individuals on public assistance in the community to understand the basis of their poverty and have a plan for stability. Graduates of the program have become active volunteers and are themselves giving back to the community.

The Cluster's emergency food program has recently joined with the regional program, Philabundance. PCRC coordinates food pantry services for several organizations in western Montgomery County.

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To permit the Cluster to maintain its high level of service, the PCRC has recently acquired the adjoining Victorian home to serve as its administrative center and as a facility in which they can better provide educational programming. Renovation to the building is just beginning and the Cluster invites community participation in the project.

OWM Law is proud to be a supporter of PCRC as an organization that uplifts our community every day with hope and opportunity.

If you would care to discuss the above in detail, please call me at 610-323-2800 or email me at dkaplan@owmlaw.com. Also, please watch OWM's May 2017 Legal Talk program regarding Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities - its Service and Growth on our website [here](#).

Firm News

Congratulations to our own [Rebecca A. Hobbs, Esq., CELA](#), for being named a "2017 Rising Star" by Super Lawyers Magazine and [SuperLawyers.com](#). See press release [here](#).

Upcoming Events

[Kathleen M. Martin, Esq.](#), participating in a panel discussion on Transitional Care Options on 6/7/2017 at Boyertown Multi-Service, 200 Spring Street, Boyertown, PA. Topics are adult day services, medical and non-medical home care, skilling nursing, personal care, continuing care retirement communities, and paying for services. Light refreshments 6-6:30 pm, program begins at 6:30 pm. See the flyer [here](#). Register by 6/2/2017. Contact info@tcnetwork.org to register.

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