

# Peggy Browning Fund

*Educating Law Students on the Rights and Needs of Workers*

## Labor Needs Lawyers!

And the Peggy Browning Fund helps supply them.

By recruiting and inspiring the next generation of lawyers fighting for workplace justice, our Summer Fellowship Program gives talented law students unique opportunities to work for workers' rights. It gives the labor community access to an extraordinary pool of applicants.

It gives donors like you the chance to make an impact.

Our summer fellows are the heartbeat of the Peggy Browning Fund. Between now and our National Law Students Workers' Rights Conference in October, I will be meeting this year's Peggy Browning Fellows. This brochure is your chance to get to know them too.

I am sure you will agree they are exceptional!



Joseph Lurie  
President and Founder

Each listing includes the student's graduation year, law school and fellowship location.

## 2018 Peggy Browning Summer Fellows



**Sharon Aguirre** *JD'19*

*Rutgers Law School  
Newark, NJ  
Gladstein, Reif & Meginniss, LLP  
New York, NY*

During her undergraduate years, Sharon was exposed to Labor and Employment Law during a course entitled, "*Working Women in America*." One assignment required her to interview working women on workplace issues such as wages, sick days, personal days, maternity needs, discrimination and harassment. This exercise had a profound impact on her. In law school, Sharon was a 1L representative for the Labor and Employment Law Society and was voted Vice President as a 2L. She worked at DC 37 Municipal Employees Legal Services (MELS). Sharon spent last summer interning at the EEOC and was recently elected senior articles editor for the *Womens' Rights Law Reporter*.



**Arish Ali** *JD'19*

*The George Washington University  
Law School  
Washington, DC  
Mehri & Skalet PLLC  
Washington, DC*

Arish's interest in worker's rights developed as an undergrad when he studied migrant labor as a research assistant and interviewed a former union organizer for the hospitality workers of Colonial Williamsburg. After graduation, he reported on labor conditions as a contributing writer for the Southern Labor Studies Association. In law school, Arish dove into projects that empower workers, volunteered at union-sponsored events and has written an essay about employees' rights during interrogations by employers. He has also served as a legal intern at the Leadership Conference for Civil Rights, the Federal Labor Relations Authority and the National Labor Relations Board. Arish looks forward to engaging in complex litigation on behalf of employees this summer.

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**Yarrow Allaire** JD'20

*University of New Mexico School of Law  
Albuquerque, NM*  
New Mexico Center on Law & Poverty  
Albuquerque, NM

Yarrow has spent the majority of her life in Albuquerque, NM. Before law school, she taught social studies for Teach for America in McAllen, TX and in Middle and High Schools in New Mexico and Texas. During her time teaching she saw the disparity between the affluent families in her community and the lives of her students' families. In law school, Yarrow received a scholarship for Child and Family Justice, and founded a grassroots service group working to make practical and progressive contributions to her community.



**Queen  
Arsem-O'Malley** JD'19

*Northeastern University School of Law  
Boston, MA*  
New York State United Teachers  
New York, NY

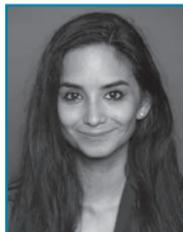
Raised in a progressive political community, Queen has long been interested in issues that intersect with labor. She reported on labor struggles in Canada before organizing with the Intern Worker Alliance. In law school, Queen has interned with the UNITE HERE! Local 26 and Greater Boston Legal Services Employment Unit. Queen is part of the National Lawyers' Guild and Huskies Organizing With Labor, a student coalition that supports worker campaigns on campus. She is also an organizer with the Graduate Employees of Northeastern - UAW, fighting for a democratic union for graduate workers on campus and across the country.



**Christina Alvernaz** JD'19

*University of California,  
Hastings College of the Law  
San Francisco, CA*  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
Oakland, CA

From a family of immigrants and union members, Christina was taught the importance of working to support herself and her family. Before law school, she worked in Human Resources gaining experience with issues impacting employees. Shortly after her 1L year, Christina began interning with the EEOC, where she interviewed countless individuals facing workplace discrimination and gained practical experience enforcing federal anti-discrimination statutes. In law school, Christina is an editor for the *Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal* and is pursuing a concentration in Social Justice Lawyering.



**Nataly Azcurra** JD'19

*Stetson University College of Law  
Gulfport, FL*  
Friends of Farmworkers, Inc.  
Pittsburgh, PA

Nataly knows firsthand the struggles immigrant families face and the tenacity they bring with them in providing for a better future. Born in Buenos Aires, she studied at the University of Central Florida in Orlando where she interned with the National Farm Worker Ministry, Americans for Immigrant Justice, and the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO. These experiences encouraged her to apply to law school to become an advocate working at the intersection of immigration and farm labor. As a law student, Nataly was an extern with Florida International University College of Medicine Civil Justice Partnership doing Social Security Disability work, and she studied abroad in London where she was a clerk for a business immigration firm.



**Stefan Babich** JD'18

*Georgetown University Law Center  
Washington, DC*  
AFSCME  
Washington, DC

Stefan first became interested in labor and employment justice issues when he interned for a nonprofit after his undergraduate graduation. There he helped low-wage, primarily immigrant workers, find and apply for local jobs. Prior to law school, Stefan worked with a group of immigration lawyers preparing refugees at a Texas Detention Center for interviews with immigration officers. After working as a legal assistant at a small immigration law firm in Missouri, Stefan attended law school where his passion for his labor law class and his employment law practicum led him to apply for a Peggy Browning Summer Fellowship. In his immigration law practice and volunteer work at the Employment Justice Center, Stefan was exposed to many facets of labor and employment law. He's excited to finally have the chance to dive into the field in a substantive way.

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**Nicholas Balatsos** JD'19

*Northeastern University School of Law  
Boston, MA*  
Communications Workers of America  
(CWA)  
Washington, DC

Before law school, Nick was a reporter. He worked on the night beat at the *Billings Gazette* in Montana, covered education and city government for the *Casper Star Tribune* in Wyoming, reported on a wide range of subjects for a handful of rural weeklies, and freelanced. Nick eventually went to law school and spent his first summer at a prisoners' legal aid organization and his second winter interning for the Federal Labor Relations Authority - Office of the General Counsel in Boston. Nick learned the importance of workers' rights from watching his single mother work long hours and multiple jobs as she struggled and sacrificed to raise him and his older brother.



**Joanna Barrera** JD'19

*Loyola University Chicago School of  
Law  
Chicago, IL*  
Construction & General Laborers'  
District Council of Chicago & Vicinity  
Burr Ridge, IL

As a first generation college graduate with two immigrant parents, Joanna worked full time to pay for her education while attaining her college degree. In law school, she has focused on helping and advocating for the Latino community. Joanna externed at the Chicago Legal Clinic to help immigrants understand their rights and processed their immigration applications. She also volunteered with Instituto del Progreso Latino helping legal residents apply for citizenship. Joanna is currently the president of the Latino Law Student Association, a member of the Cultural Impact Initiative and the Women's Law Society.



**Spencer Bradley** JD'19

*Penn State University Dickinson School of Law  
Carlisle, PA*  
Community Justice Project  
Pittsburgh, PA

Prior to law school, Spencer gained an interest in addressing systemic problems created by wealth inequality. One of his goals is to effect change for low-income people. Spencer's interest in employment and labor law, administrative law, and civil rights litigation stems from a background in philosophy and public policy. In law school, Spencer worked at Legal Aid of Southwestern Pennsylvania representing unemployment compensation clients and conducting initial client intake interviews. He was a judicial intern for the Court of Common Pleas in Cumberland County. Currently, Spencer serves as an associate editor of the *Dickinson Law Review* and vice president of the American Constitutional Law Society. His current legal research lies in the normative values of the Supreme Court's free speech and economic rights jurisprudence.



**Lauren Bateman** JD'20

*Rutgers Law School  
Camden, NJ*  
Friends of Farmworkers, Inc.  
Philadelphia, PA

After college, Lauren spent four years working in Santiago, Chile before enrolling in law school. Her personal experiences there, where very few women were in visible leadership positions and subjects such as salary negotiation were taboo among her female colleagues, led to an interest in workers and employment law. In law school, Lauren is a Spanish translator and interpreter at the University's legal clinics. She helps student interns and attorneys advocate for Camden's low-income, underserved, immigrant population to obtain lawful immigrant status, work permits, and social security benefits. She is a Social Justice Scholar, participating in specialized programming designed for students with a demonstrated record of public service and a commitment to social justice.



**Sheryl Bohan** JD'19

*Northwestern Pritzker School of Law  
Chicago, IL*  
Cary Kane LLP  
New York, NY

Sheryl claims that the most influential factor in her life has easily been her father's union membership. The value of the support and benefits he received through his union shaped her family's lives. Sheryl grew up in Long Island, New York and attended Cornell University's Industrial and Labor Relations School. In law school, she has chosen courses specifically relating to labor and employment law. Sheryl spent her 1L summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow at New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) in Albany, NY conducting supervised legal research, helping to prepare for NYSUT's Legal Update Conference and participating in client meetings focused on trial strategy. Last spring, Sheryl worked in Washington, DC for SEIU drafting legal memoranda and working with attorneys on pending litigation.

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### Betzy Bras-Gonzalez JD'19

*University of California  
Hastings College of the Law  
San Francisco, CA  
California Teachers Association (CTA)  
Burlingame, CA*

Betzy immigrated to the United States at only nine months of age and was raised with the belief that as long as you work hard you can achieve anything. She soon learned that no matter how hard low-wage workers work, they still experience injustices on a daily basis. Prior to law school, Betzy was an intern in Washington, DC through the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI). During her first summer, she worked with undocumented immigrants at the Immigration Center for Women and Children (ICWC). Currently Betzy is a staff editor for the *Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal* and co-political chair of UC Hastings La Raza Student Association.



### Chantae Brown JD'20

*Georgetown University Law Center  
Washington, DC  
American Federation of Government  
Employees (AFGE)  
Washington, DC*

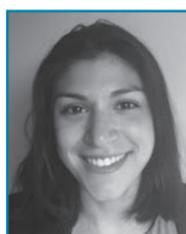
Born and raised on the island of Jamaica, Chantae immigrated to the United States where she finished high school and pursued two undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Criminal Justice. She found work in blue-collar and customer service-oriented jobs to fund her education. Through her experiences and witnessing her mother's struggle working minimum wage jobs, Chantae developed an interest in workers' rights and a passion to combat the struggles that everyday workers face. In law school, Chantae is a member of the Black Students Association, First Generation Student Union, Women of Color Collective, Women's Legal Alliance, Criminal Law Association and Georgetown Students for Democratic Reform.



### Elliott Brewer JD'19

*University of Kansas School of Law  
Lawrence, KS  
International Labor Rights Forum  
Washington, DC*

Elliott is an aspiring international labor law attorney. Born and raised in Parsons, KS, Elliott studied Social Welfare and Philosophy in college. He spent his days as a cook and social chair at Battenfeld Scholarship Hall. Elliott began his legal career as a labor law research intern at Verité in Amherst, MA, where he researched and edited a report commissioned by the U.S. Department of Labor on forced labor in the Malaysian electronics industry. Currently, Elliott is a staff editor for the *Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy*, a legal intern for Corporate Accountability Lab and a research assistant for a law review article arguing in favor of enforcing arbitral class waivers.



### Elizabeth Brown JD'20

*University of California School of Law  
Los Angeles, CA  
Wage Justice Center  
Los Angeles, CA*

Elizabeth (Rosie) Brown has worked in the labor movement for more than ten years. She had her start while entering data from meeting sign-in sheets at a worker center in Maryland. Rosie continued her undergraduate work, during the school year, organizing students on campus as part of the Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) and organizing workers at a hotel near Washington, DC over the summers with UNITE HERE!. She continued her work post-graduation at the United Autoworkers, Comisiones Obreras (Workers' Commissions) in Madrid, and most recently at the National Domestic Workers Alliance where she helped lay the foundation of a digital network of nannies, housecleaners, and home care workers to support larger organizing efforts. Rosie is particularly interested in the future of work in the digital age.



### Madison Brown JD'19

*University of Washington School of Law  
Seattle, WA  
Schwerin, Campbell, Barnard, Iglitzin & Lavitt, LLP  
Seattle, WA*

A second-time Peggy Browning Fellow, Maddie was first drawn to the labor movement when she worked in the fast-food and hospitality industries. These experiences allowed her to witness the indignities women face in the workplace every day, particularly in low-wage positions. Driven by a passion for gender equity, before law school, Maddie worked at Planned Parenthood as a voter engagement specialist. There she learned the importance of coalition building and organizing. Last summer, Maddie's Summer Fellowship was working at the headquarters of the International Brotherhood of the Teamsters in Washington, D.C. She currently serves as president of both the Women's Law Caucus and the Public Interest Law Association, and has coordinated events that promote women in both politics and public interest work on campus and in her community.

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### Willie Burden JD'19

*Catholic University of America  
Columbus School of Law  
Washington, DC  
International Brotherhood of  
Teamsters (IBT)  
Washington, DC*

Born in Greensboro, NC and raised primarily in Statesboro, GA, Willie received a bachelor's degree in sports management, a minor in business, a minor in coaching, and subsequently a master's degree in sports management. After graduation Willie worked in the athletic department at Georgia Southern for a year as the academic adviser for the football team, women's soccer team, men's golf team, and women's golf team. He then moved to Georgia Tech where he served in the role of academic coordinator for the football team. In law school, Willie is the 2L representative of the Student Bar Association, president of the Students Public Interest Law, community service chair of the Black Law Students Association and law student ambassador.



### Rachel Calvert JD'19

*University of Colorado School of Law  
Boulder, CO  
Laborers International Union of North  
America (LiUNA)  
Washington, DC*

Rachel is originally from Oklahoma and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University. Her studies in government shaped her understanding of the history and politics driving the contemporary labor movement. Rachel spent her first summer of law school as a law clerk at the Earthjustice Rocky Mountain office, working on community health, pollution, and public lands issues. Rachel is a case & comment editor on the *University of Colorado Law Review*.



### Christina Canalizo JD'19

*American University  
Washington College of Law  
Washington, DC  
UFCW International Union  
Washington, DC*

Christina discovered her passion for workers' rights while working for the National Women's Law Center (NWLC). As an intern for their Workplace Justice and Income Security teams, she advocated for raising the minimum wage and expanding access to affordable childcare. Her time at the NWLC exposed her to the various ways that workers' rights impact family economic stability, and it reinforced her belief in the importance of unions to defend those rights. As a volunteer at the Bankruptcy Assistance Center, she has directly assisted working families struggling to afford basic necessities and thinking of filing for bankruptcy.



### Michael Casagrande JD'19

*Boston College School of Law  
Boston, MA  
Levy Ratner, PC  
New York, NY*

Michael comes from Upstate New York and has a history of working and volunteering for labor unions. Prior to attending law school, he interned for New York State United Teachers and American Federation of Teachers. He has been passionate about workers' rights his entire life and wants to use his legal career to help reinvigorate the labor movement. Michael spent last fall researching and writing about the legality of arbitration clauses in mandatory employment contracts. He is currently researching and writing about whether graduate employees at religious colleges and universities have the right to organize under the National Labor Relations Act.



### Irene Castro JD'19

*City University of New York School of Law  
Long Island City, NY  
National Employment Law Project (NELP)  
New York, NY*

The daughter of Dominican immigrants, Irene was raised in Queens, NY and is a first-generation college graduate. Her personal experiences have formed her interest in labor and employment law. Both her father and brother are union members. Irene has worked in employment law as a paralegal, interned as an Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist at the Department of the Interior, and earlier this year was a delegate of the Mississippi Project where she conducted legal research for the Mississippi Workers Center for Human Rights. Irene is passionate about direct legal services and supporting people, communities, and organizations in advocating for themselves.

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**Keally Cieslik** JD'19

*Northeastern University School of Law  
Boston, MA  
Fair Work Center  
Seattle, WA*

Prior to law school, Keally helped create a new public interest law center in Providence, RI. As the director of community partnerships, she built connections between the legal staff and local community-based organizations, including Jobs with Justice RI and Fuerza Laboral, a workers' center in Central Falls, RI. In law school, Keally is involved with the Huskies Organizing with Labor (HOWL) Coalition, a student group organizing dining service workers on campus. Last summer Keally was a PBF Fellow in the employment law unit at Greater Boston Legal Services, where she focused on unemployment insurance hearings. Most recently, she spent three months with the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project in Arizona providing *pro se* assistance to people in immigration detention.



**Dominique DiNallo** JD'19

*University of Colorado Law School  
Boulder, CO  
United Auto Workers (UAW)  
Detroit, MI*

Dominique grew up in New Mexico where both of her parents were members of the National Education Association. Her father, a high school counselor, and her mother, a special education/elementary teacher, advocated for disenfranchised populations in their community. Dominique's father grew up in the Detroit area where unions played an important role in improving the lives of his family. Early on, Dominique learned the history and importance of the labor movement. Seeing how big business targets people without representation, Dominique developed a passion for workers' rights and fighting discrimination. Since starting law school, she has participated as an active member of the NLG and other human rights organizations.



**Chris Crocker** JD'19

*Boston College Law School  
Boston, MA  
Health Professionals & Allied  
Employees, AFT/AFL-CIO  
Emerson, NJ*

Chris is a senior editor for the *Boston College Law Review*, where he has written about the application of personal jurisdiction to foreign defendants in civil anti-terrorism suits. He has also served as an executive board member for his chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. Prior to entering law school, he worked in construction and at a small plaintiff's firm in his hometown of Buffalo, NY. His primary areas of interest are labor and environmental law. Last spring he co-taught a class on environmental law at Boston College's undergraduate school.



**Alexia Diorio** JD'20

*University of California at Berkeley  
School of Law  
Berkeley, CA  
Legal Aid at Work  
San Francisco, CA*

Before law school Alexia worked as an organizer for Working Washington. There she organized low-wage workers, especially baristas. Her work contributed to the enactment of the Secure Scheduling Ordinance in Seattle. She was also a member of her staff union bargaining team and labor management committee. Prior to her organizing work, Alexia worked as an assistant analyst in the Congressional Budget Office's Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis division. During that time she also volunteered at the Employment Justice Center. Alexia is involved with the *Employment and Labor Law Journal* and volunteers at a tenants' rights clinic.



**Ericka Cruz** JD'20

*American University  
Washington College of Law  
Washington, DC  
CASA  
Hyattsville, MD*

Ericka grew up in an immigrant household in Jamaica Queens, NY. As a first-generation college student, she honed her skills through the help of mentors and diverse student organizations that cultivated spaces for dialogue on the issues facing those from marginalized communities. Before law school Ericka was an elementary school teacher with Teach for America in Hartford, CT. There she piloted a bilingual kindergarten program for students who were recent immigrants to the U.S.



**Emily Dowdle** JD'20

*Washington University  
in St. Louis School of Law  
St. Louis, MO  
United Steelworkers (USW)  
Pittsburgh, PA*

A former graduate student lecturer, retail sales associate, childcare provider, and fireworks factory worker, Emily is a native of Kansas City, MO. She first became interested in workers' rights and advocacy as an undergrad student at Creighton University where she was influenced by Catholic teaching and the work of Pope Francis. As a graduate student studying critical race theory and critical legal theory, all while maintaining a part-time retail sales associate job, her interests in the intersections of workers' rights, race and class deepened.

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**Taishi Duchicela** JD'19

*Loyola University  
New Orleans School of Law  
New Orleans, LA  
United Electrical, Radio and Machine  
Workers of America (UE)  
Pittsburgh, PA*

Prior to law school, Taishi was a bilingual case manager for youth on probation with East Bay Agency for Children; a producer and radio DJ for a music and magazine-style community radio show at KPFA Berkeley; a media educator for underserved youth with Global Action Project and a community organizer with the Center for Media Justice. Most recently, she was a summer law clerk at the Advocacy Center, researching various issues related to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and supporting counsel in employment administrative hearings. In law school, Taishi is an active member of the NLG and print editor for the *Journal of Public Interest Law*.



**Chad Eisenback** JD'20

*University of Louisville  
Brandeis School of Law  
Louisville, KY  
IUE-CWA  
Dayton, OH*

Chad was raised in a union home in Louisville, KY. He wanted to become a lawyer from a young age, even though his parents, brother, and sister were all police officers. For the past two years, Chad has been a union shop steward and he has seen how detrimental it is when an employee's rights are threatened. Chad has set goals to focus on arbitration advocacy and ERISA law so that he can be a vital resource in the labor law field. Being a father of two young daughters he understands how important it is to protect the rights for the future workers. Chad credits his ability to handle multiple responsibilities while pursuing his Juris Doctorate to his wife, Abigail.



**Jeremy Esparza** JD'20

*John Marshall Law School  
Chicago, IL  
Laborers' Int'l Union of America  
(LIUNA)  
Washington, DC*

The son of a Mexican immigrant who was empowered through the labor movement, Jeremy saw the importance of union representation in the workplace from an early age. While pursuing his bachelor's degree, he spent the summers and winters working as a union laborer through Laborer's Local One in the Chicagoland area. Working as a laborer reinforced Jeremy's dedication to work to improve the lives of others through the labor movement. Prior to law school, Jeremy worked with the Cook County Public Defenders' Office and with a personal injury firm focusing on assisting injured construction workers.



**Brian Fernandez** JD'19

*Northern Illinois University  
College of Law  
DeKalb, IL  
Raise the Floor Alliance  
Chicago, IL*

Coming from an immigrant and union household, Brian learned the central role that labor plays building the foundation for economic security and a sense of self in the community. Brian's ultimate goal in law school was to find an area of law that would allow him to use his skills to help improve inequalities for underserved communities and advance social justice. Last summer, he worked at the NLRB in Chicago. There he investigated unfair labor practice disputes and participated in the facilitation of union elections. Witnessing the frequent violations workers faced at the hands of their employers, Brian was inspired to pursue employment and labor law to help workers exercise their rights.



**Rebecca Fishbein** JD'20

*Columbia University School of Law  
New York, NY  
Major League Baseball Players  
Association (MLBPA)  
New York, NY*

Rebecca is from Boston, MA and has spent the past few years advocating for the rights of college athletes and professional baseball players. She has researched unionization in college sports and the right of college athletes to legal representation. She also has experience advocating for the rights of workers outside of the United States, and completed economic research to help the financial stability of foreign workers in Singapore. She is excited to join the Major League Baseball Players Association this summer to continue working to strengthen the labor movement throughout the country.



**Patrick Foote** JD'20

*Chicago-Kent College of Law  
Chicago, IL  
National Federation of Federal  
Employees (NFFE)  
Washington, DC*

During his undergraduate years, Patrick was membership coordinator of the Student-Labor Action Project. He led student solidarity mobilizations for embattled workers at Verizon represented by Communication Workers of America. Patrick then took a position as an organizer with Central Florida Jobs with Justice working to expand bus funding and support striking Walmart workers. In 2015, he moved to Chicago and became a journalist for the *People's World*, the successor to the *Daily Worker*. There, Patrick won numerous awards for his reporting from the International Labor Communications Association and led in organizing the first editorial staff union in the publication's 94-year history.

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**Gabriel Frumkin** JD'20

*Boston College School of Law  
Boston, MA*  
Schwerin Campbell Barnard  
Iglitzin & Lavitt, LLP  
Seattle, WA

Gabe first became active in the labor movement in high school. He participated in informational pickets outside hotels and volunteered with the state AFL-CIO. During college, he continued to immerse himself in the movement, and interned with an SEIU local in Boston, MA. After graduation, Gabe worked as an organizer with AFSCME in higher education and health care before serving on political campaigns, including those of U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey. Prior to law school, Gabe worked at an environmental organization in Washington, DC. He recently received a 2018 Michael Weiner Scholarship for Labor Studies from the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA).



**Thomas Garrity** JD'20

*University of Michigan Law School  
Ann Arbor, MI*  
Raise the Floor Alliance  
New York State United Teachers  
(NYSUT)  
Latham, NY

Through conversations with his mother, an active member of the American Association of University Professors, and his grandparents, former members of the New York State United Teachers, Tom developed an interest in union-side labor advocacy. As a student researcher on the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Digital Gateway Project, Tom studied the role that black self-employment and pro-labor organizations play in promoting social change, both during the civil rights movement and today. In law school, Tom is a member of the Michigan Immigration and Labor Law Association and Michigan Law's Unemployment Insurance Clinic.



**Flor Garay** JD'19

*University of the District of Columbia  
David A. Clarke School of Law  
Boston, MA*  
United Food & Commercial Workers  
Int'l Union (UFCW)  
Washington, DC

Flor is the legal clinic coordinator of the Frederick Workers' Rights Clinic in Frederick, MD, serving low-wage workers. Her interest in the labor movement grew while serving as a legal assistant and a shop steward for her staff union, the Teamsters in Washington, DC. There she helped resolve grievances and educate union officers on the issues and legal protections of immigrant workers. Flor then went to Make the Road New York, working directly with the immigrant community and was a law clerk at UFCW. She is now an active member of the Immigrant Rights Coalition of Western Maryland working on projects to uphold and enhance undocumented immigrants' ability to enforce their labor and employment rights.



**Alaina Gilchrist** JD'20

*Northeastern University School of Law  
Boston, MA*  
Gilbert and Sackman  
Los Angeles, CA

The daughter of a union janitor, Alaina began her organizing career at the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative, in Youngstown, OH, addressing issues related to vacant properties that were left behind from the collapse of the steel industry. That group partnered with SEIU on their Fight for a Fair Economy Campaign which led Alaina to working for organized labor. Most recently, she served as a field representative for SEIU 32BJ where she organized workers around contract campaigns and represented them at the bargaining table. She is involved with the Northeastern Employment and Labor Law Association on campus and plans on pursuing a career in labor law.



**Michael Gorden**

JD'19

*University of Mississippi School of Law  
Oxford, MS*  
Los Angeles Black Worker Center Project  
Los Angeles, CA

Michael's experience as a union organizer began when he was awarded an internship with the AFL-CIO. He organized state and municipal employees in Jackson, MS for MASE-CWA local 3570. Michael increased union membership by adding 200 new members, and successfully organizing multiple strikes on City Hall to end the city furlough days. In his 1L year, Michael was a summer associate at a law firm where he was counsel to various defense litigations involving the Hinds County Board of Supervisors. Michael has drafted multiple responses, motions to dismiss, and a motion for summary judgment that was subsequently granted. He plans to increase the relevance of labor unions throughout the country to provide hope to the hopeless and a voice to the voiceless.

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**Paloma Guerrero** JD'19

*University of Nevada  
Las Vegas School of Law  
Las Vegas, NV*  
New Orleans Worker Center for Racial  
Justice (NOWCRJ)  
New Orleans, LA

Last summer, Paloma was an intern at T-Mobile in Seattle, WA. This position included remote work as a research assistant for Professor Ruben Garcia, a labor law professor at her school and a PBF Advisory Board member. Subsequently, she volunteered at the Las Vegas Worker's Center, surveying day laborers on wage-theft and working conditions, and drafting legal letters/notices. Paloma is acting president of OUTLaws (an LGBT advocacy organization) and co-founder of the Immigration Law Society. She is also a junior staffer of the *Nevada Law Journal*, an executive board member for the American Constitution Society and the Public Interest Law Association. Presently, Paloma is a family justice clerk for the Legal Aid Center of the Southern Nevada immigration unit.



**Jasmine Hassan** JD'20

*Southern University Law Center  
Baton Rouge, LA*  
New Orleans Worker Center for Racial  
Justice (NOWCRJ)  
New Orleans, LA

Coming from an immigrant family, Jasmine understands the importance of legal representation for racial and immigrant communities. Before law school, she taught social studies at an alternative school on the South Side of Chicago. A large part of her classroom curriculum involved social justice issues. Many of her students were at-risk youth affected by over policing and the criminalization of communities of color. While teaching, Jasmine coordinated her students' participation in the Fight for 15 movement. Currently, she is a member of the SULC election committee and a volunteer for the SULC Pro Bono group. She is interested in legal and organizing strategies to address the criminalization of communities of color.



**Miranda Huber**

JD'19

*Chicago-Kent College of Law  
Chicago, IL*  
Chicago News Guild  
School Year Fellow 2017-18  
Chicago, IL

As an undergraduate, Miranda interned with a union serving hotel and restaurant workers in Chicago. Her work involved house visits, conversations with members, and coordinating actions to pressure employers during intense contract negotiations. She also interned with an interfaith workers' center fighting against the Chicago Public Schools closing in 2013. Her first Peggy Browning Fellowship was at Raise the Floor Alliance in Chicago. There, she sifted through large volumes of discovery documents, drafted legal memoranda and court documents, and enjoyed plenty of direct contact with clients. As an academic-year Peggy Browning Fellow, she connected with union members regarding potential grievances and conducted extensive legal research to assist her supervising attorney.



**Anika Holland** JD'20

*University of California at  
Berkeley School of Law  
Berkeley, CA*  
Feinberg, Jackson, Worthman &  
Wasow, LLP  
Oakland, CA

As a college student in Appalachian Ohio, Anika became involved in feminist community organizing and developed a passion for speaking out against power-based violence, harassment, and discrimination. In law school, she has stayed true to her activist roots through pro bono legal work focused on helping survivors of sexual assault and harassment bring Title IX suits and assisting trans and gender non-conforming people obtain identity-affirming name and gender change court orders.



**Kimberly Hong** JD'19

*George Washington University  
School of Law  
Washington, DC*  
American Federation of Government  
Employees (AFGE)  
Washington, DC

Kimberly was born and raised in Texas by Korean-American parents. During her 1L summer, she developed an interest in worker's rights from her internship at the EEOC in Washington, DC, where she became a part of the enforcement team and was able to speak and interact with individuals who were facing discrimination in the workplace. In addition, she completed an Employment Discrimination Law course during her second year.

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**Phillip Keller** JD'19

*Wayne State University School of Law  
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United Auto Workers (UAW)  
Detroit, MI

During his undergraduate years, Phillip, the son and grandson of unionized auto workers, became aware of how a lack of organization and collective bargaining leads to increased inequality and the loss of political and economic power for working people. He is now an executive board member of his school's chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and has spent time volunteering to bring justice to the people affected by the Flint Water Crisis and the residents of Detroit who lost their homes to foreclosure in violation of the Michigan Constitution. Additionally, Phillip is an intern for the Sugar Law Center, providing legal help to workers, community organizations, unions, and others seeking social and economic justice.



**Vail Kohnert-Yount** JD'20

*Harvard Law School  
Cambridge, MA*  
Equal Justice Center  
Austin, TX

During her undergraduate years, Vail was part of a successful campaign to unionize dining service workers. Witnessing the workers overcome intimidation and grow as leaders inspired her to commit to the labor movement and the fight for economic justice. In college, Vail interned for the AFL-CIO, the White House, and in the U.S. House of Representatives. After graduation, she worked at the Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor and the U.S. Department of Labor as a political appointee in the Obama Administration. In law school, she is a committed member of the Labor and Employment Action Project and the Prison Legal Assistance Project. Vail is an editor of the *Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* and the *Journal on Racial and Ethnic Justice*.



**Matt Lutwen** JD'19

*Cornell University Law School  
Ithaca, NY*  
United Steelworkers  
Pittsburgh, PA

During his 1L summer Matt represented clients in unemployment hearings, an experience which taught him not only about the challenges that workers face in unorganized workplaces, but also the importance of a forum where workers have a voice. During his 2L year Matt interned in Cornell's Labor Law Clinic, where he worked on a range of labor issues, from charges with the NLRB, to developing reports on labor violations for several countries' universal periodic reviews. Now, he is part of a research project on farmworker rights in Asia, where he focuses on the rights and obstacles of women farmworkers in Cambodia. Matt works with local community organizations in support of immigrant rights, particularly through legal observing and detention-related support. This year he was president of Cornell's National Lawyers Guild chapter.



**John Lechuga** JD'19

*Marquette University Law School  
Milwaukee, WI*  
American Federal, State, County &  
Municipal Employees Union (AFSCME)  
Washington, DC

Growing up with union family members John understood how important organized labor is to ensuring workplace fairness. His knowledge of the labor movement and commitment to workers' rights runs deep and has propelled him on a career path dedicated to protecting working families. Last summer he completed a Peggy Browning Fellowship with CASA de Maryland. There he assisted with wage enforcement and immigration law research. John spends much of his free time working side by side with union organizers on political campaigns.



**Christopher Lin** JD'19

*Temple University Beasley School of Law  
Philadelphia, PA*  
Sheet Metal Workers Union  
Local No. 19  
Philadelphia, PA

Chris is a Rubin-Presser Social Justice Fellow and a Law & Public Policy Scholar. He is president of the Temple Law Democrats and vice-president of the American Constitution Society. In his free time, Chris serves as Minority Outreach Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Young Democrats. Chris was born and raised in Pittsburgh by Chinese immigrants. He obtained a master's degree in public policy and worked for the Departments of Commerce and Homeland Security. While working for Pittsburgh's city government, Chris served on the boards of the local Young Democrats and his neighborhood association. He was also a fellow with the New Leaders Council and the Mayor's Civic Leadership Academy. Chris spent last summer as a law clerk with the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, and the fall with Philadelphia Councilwoman Maria D. Quiñones-Sánchez.

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**Nicholas Lynch** JD'20

*Duke University School of Law  
Durham, NC*  
Workers Defense League  
New York, NY

In law school, Nicholas participates in pro bono research projects focusing on detainees' rights and eviction litigation through the ACLU and the North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission. Prior to law school, he studied Human Rights and interned with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in Washington, DC and with the Worker Justice Center of New York. After graduating, Nicholas hopes to work at a public interest or plaintiff side firm that addresses issues of economic and environmental justice.



**Ella Markina** JD'19

*University of Richmond School of Law  
Richmond, VA*  
Mehri & Skalet, PLLC  
Washington, DC

Ella's family fled the former Soviet Union as Russian-Jewish refugees when she was 12 years old. In Ukraine, racial and religious discrimination ran rampant. She witnessed structural inequality and senseless violence. During her undergraduate years, Ella found that she had to advocate for the interests of her family. Her mother's unemployment insurance claims had been denied after being laid off. Ella advocated for her mom in administrative law court and successfully restored her benefits. She then pursued a graduate degree in public policy and traveled to Mumbai, India as an exchange student. There she worked for a labor union organization dedicated to improving the working conditions of contract workers who performed sanitation services for the city. Her 1L summer internship was at the NLRB where she investigated unfair labor practice charges.



**Ricardo Martinez** JD'20

*University of California  
Davis School of Law  
Davis, CA*  
Bush Gottlieb  
Los Angeles, CA

Born in Southern California to parents who emigrated from Mexico, Ricardo was motivated to pursue a legal career at a young age as he witnessed his family's workplace struggles. His work experiences before college as a construction and factory worker exposed him to the positive effects legal aid and public policy could have on worker's lives. Before law school he worked as a paralegal throughout the Inland Empire, where he assisted Spanish speaking communities with their legal issues. During law school, Ricardo continues to assist workers through the school's workers' rights clinic.



**Juan Martinez-Hill** JD'20

*New York University School of Law  
New York, NY*  
Make the Road New York  
New York, NY

Raised in Southern California, Juan is the proud son of an immigrant father from Mexico. He grew up as a bilingual, bicultural, dual-citizen spending time along both sides of the border. Before law school, Juan helped establish the Tam Ngoc Tran Scholarship for Undocumented Youth; interned as a prison law librarian with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and assisted with the New York Civil Liberties Union's 2012 Stop-and-Frisk Police Report as an Arthur Liman Fellow in Public Interest Law. After college, he returned home and worked as an immigrants' rights organizer with the United Farm Workers Foundation before moving to New York and serving as a senior paralegal with the New York Legal Assistance Group.



**Franchell McClendon** JD'19

*University of Idaho College of Law  
Boise, ID*  
SEIU Healthcare 1199NW  
Seattle, WA

Before law school, Franchell was employed for several years with one of the Big Three automakers in the United States as a labor and employment generalist in the Human Resources Department. Having gained the insight of the employees in a fast-paced and dynamic union environment, she understands the importance of workers' rights. She collaborated with unions, interviewed and investigated employment discrimination and harassment complaints and handled grievances. Currently, she is a part-time legal assistant at a local law firm in Moscow, ID.



**Matthew McDonough** JD'19

*City University of New York  
School of Law  
Long Island City, NY*  
Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT)  
Washington, DC

Growing up in a union household taught Matt the meaning of brotherhood, fairness and hard work. His parents would frequently reinforce the value of union membership. Matt sees unions as guarantors of social and economic justice. For the last 5 years he has served as the chief executive officer of a local Industrial Development Agency working on policies to guarantee hard working New Yorkers jobs and affordable housing. He also serves as a Board Member of NEFCU, a credit union on Long Island. Matt was a legal intern in the U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of New York Criminal Division and this spring a judicial intern for the Eastern District of New York's District Court Judge.

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**Phillip Melton** JD'19

*University of Texas School of Law  
Austin, TX*  
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)  
Washington, DC

Phill grew up protesting with his union teacher friends and family. After grad school, he worked in academic publishing, freelance tutoring, ceramics, and DC area bike shops. He also became involved in community transit activism and organizing, especially around transit equity. Last summer, Phill worked on migrant worker, immigration, and community resiliency issues at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid in Laredo. He interns at the Equal Justice Center in Austin, is active in several pro bono projects, and is research editor for the Texas Law Review; managing editor for the Texas Journal on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights; and a member of Austin's Young Active Labor Leaders (YALL).



**Gillian Miller** JD'20

*University of California at  
Berkeley School of Law  
Berkeley, CA*  
Washington Lawyers' Committee for  
Civil Rights and Urban Affairs  
Washington, DC

Prior to law school, Gillian worked at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York where she organized programming for Council members around the world. Through planning these meetings, she became interested in the impact that workers issues have on international and domestic policy. As the daughter of immigrants, Gillian is deeply committed to promoting equality through the law. She is particularly interested in the intersections of workers' rights, race, and gender. In law school, Gillian participates in restorative justice circles at San Quentin and is a member of the *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law*.



**Jacqueline Odum** JD'20

*University of Texas School of Law  
Austin, TX*  
Murphy Anderson PLLC  
Washington, DC

Jackie's commitment to the labor movement began with her experience as a researcher at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC, where she focused on policy solutions to raise wages and combat poverty. This work inspired her and colleagues to launch the Center's first successful union drive with IFPTE Local 70 - a DC-based local for non-profit workers. Unanimously elected as president, Jackie served as the unit's chief negotiator for its first collective bargaining agreement representing nearly 100 employees at the Center.



**Samuel Ottinger** JD'19

*Case Western Reserve University  
School of Law  
Cleveland, OH*  
Schwarzwald, McNair & Fusco LLP  
Cleveland, OH

A first-generation college graduate from a working-class union household, Samuel saw how workers' rights issues impacted members of his community and how the union helped give them a voice. This inspired him to spend his career protecting those rights and advocating on behalf of working people. In law school, he worked at a firm that specializes in representing injured workers and workplace safety issues. He also served as a legal extern at the NLRB Region 8, where he learned how the NLRA shapes the collective bargaining process.



**Andrea Parente** JD'19

*Yale Law School  
New Haven, CT*  
Greater Boston Legal Services  
Boston, MA

Andrea has a background in labor rights organizing prior to law school with United Students Against Sweatshops. She focused on campaigns pressuring university licensees to recognize the rights of factory workers. As a law student, Andrea is committed to supporting low wage immigrant workers involved in worker center advocacy. During the summer of 2017, she interned with Community Activism Law Alliance in Chicago and provided legal assistance to the Chicago worker center, Centro de Trabajadores Unidos (CTU). Andrea is currently a legal intern with New Haven Legal Assistance providing direct legal services in employment and immigration law.



**Lauren Pereny** JD'20

*Wayne State University Law School  
Detroit, MI*  
Sugar Law Center  
Detroit, MI

Lauren recognized the disparate effects of inequality and the importance of fair to her politically-engaged parents and working-class community. Through her work at mission-driven nonprofits and organizing for a variety of movements, Lauren developed a fierce dedication to social justice. After her undergraduate education, Lauren worked with at-risk youth and their families at MissionSAFE in Boston and she was the Resident and Social Enterprise Fellow at New Sector Alliance. In law school, she sits on the executive boards of the NLG and ACLU chapters and a volunteer on the Flint Water Class Action.

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**Jeffrey Rhodes** JD'19

*University of San Francisco  
School of Law  
San Francisco, CA*  
Neyhart, Anderson, Flynn & Grosboll  
San Francisco, CA

Working for the collectively-bargained fund benefitting members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union provides Jeff valuable perspective into his evening law school classes. He pursues the fund's subrogation and reimbursement claims in third-party and workers' compensation matters, interacting with attorneys and insurance carriers from Seattle to San Diego. Jeff plans to advocate for unions, employee benefit funds, and employees after graduation. In law school, he is on the editorial board of the *Maritime Law Journal*.



**Katherine Roussos** JD'19

*City University of New York Law School  
Long Island City, NY*  
Community Legal Services, Inc.  
Philadelphia, PA

Katie began her career as an intern with the New York Hotel and Motel Trades Council, AFL-CIO and over four years progressed to senior organizer, working on both internal and external organizing campaigns with hotel workers across New York City and upstate New York. She later served under the General Counsel and supported contract negotiations through economic analysis and industry research. In law school Katie has focused on employment law and community economic development. Last summer she interned with the Equal Justice Center in Austin, TX. Katie is co-president of the CUNY Labor Coalition.



**Carley Russell** JD'20

*New York University School of Law  
New York, NY*  
Service Employees Int'l Union (SEIU)  
Washington, DC

Carley's parents were part of the New Left generation of activists who went to work in factories with the explicit purpose of organizing across racial lines to build rank-and-file caucuses and democratize union leadership. She was mentored by Anne Braden, a white civil rights activist who was charged with sedition (and subsequently red-baited) for facilitating an African American couple's integration of an all-white suburb of Louisville, KY. After college, Carley organized workers with SEIU locals in Massachusetts and Connecticut. She cut her teeth on union election campaigns in the group home industry, and then transitioned into organizing adjunct faculty at Boston-area colleges.



**Ava Sanchez** JD'19

*University of Washington School of Law  
Seattle, WA*  
Partnership for Working Families  
Oakland, CA

Ava grew up in a union household in a working-class neighborhood in northern California and is the first in her family to attend law school. She worked at the California State Assembly where she advocated for underserved populations, specifically addressing public policy on higher education equity and health care access. Ava helped garner support for the funding of a public medical school, which increased the availability of primary care physicians. She also fought for legislation to increase access to legal aid. In law school, Ava provides public defense assistance to tribal members in the Tulalip Tribal Court. She serves on the leadership boards of the Latino Law Students Association, Public Interest Law Association, and Women's Law Caucus.



**Rachel Sandalow-Ash** JD'20

*Harvard Law School  
Cambridge, MA*  
Service Employees Int'l Union (SEIU)  
Washington, DC

As an undergrad, Rachel organized with the Student Labor Action Movement, helping to build student, faculty, and community support for campus workers in contract negotiations and new unionization drives. After college, she worked as a national organizer for Open Hillel, an organization of students and community members working to combat institutional censorship. In law school, Rachel serves on the board of the Labor and Employment Action Project, conducts Know-Your-Rights trainings with the Harvard Immigration Project, and works as a research assistant. She also organizes with the Harvard Graduate Student Union-UAW. Rachel has previously interned in the SEIU government relations department.



**Noemi Schor** JD'20

*University of Maryland School of Law  
Baltimore, MD*  
National Employment Lawyers  
Association  
Washington, DC

Noemi is originally from New Jersey and after college worked in the New York Public Library's Department of Development to contribute to free and open access to education and literature. She worked as a research assistant for a large-scale study on higher education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education where she conducted qualitative interviews. In law school Noemi is a student representative at the Women's Law Center and Faculty Appointments Committee.

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**Alexandra Schwartzman** JD'19

*George Washington University Law School  
Washington, DC*  
New York State United Teachers (NYSUT)  
New York, NY

Prior to law school, Alex became involved with employment work as a certified mediator at the Center for Conflict Resolution. This led to her position as an associate mediator with the EEOC. The insight on the inherent power structures in employment relationships helped inform her master's thesis which discussed how language and communication styles play a role in gender pay inequality. In law school, Alex continued to pursue employment work at New York Legal Assistance Group where she was a member of the Employment Law Project. There, Alex worked closely with aggrieved employees to educate them on illegal workplace practices and assisted in preparing cases that presented viable Title VII claims.



**Lane Sheldon** JD'19

*University of Florida Levin College of Law  
Gainesville, FL*  
Sherman Dunn, PC  
Washington, DC

During her time as an undergrad Lane became involved in community organizing with J Street U. There, she learned that one of the best ways to combat injustice is to organize and act. Her passion for social justice and helping vulnerable communities inspired her to attend law school. Lane became an intern with Southern Legal Counsel where she worked on a broad range of civil rights topics such as transgender rights, education advocacy, and disability rights. She became particularly interested in labor and employment law after taking a course with the former director of the 12th Region of the NLRB.



**Joshua Shreve** JD'19

*West Virginia University College of Law  
Morgantown, WV*  
AFL-CIO  
Washington, DC

Born and raised in rural West Virginia, Joshua's upbringing taught him the value of hard work. His father is a retired correctional officer and former union member. Joshua is a first-generation college student and has worked a variety of jobs including as a server, telemarketer, amusement park operator, and phlebotomist. Previously, he served as a summer law clerk for Federal District Court in the Northern District of West Virginia. During law school, he founded and is the current president of the WVU Asian Pacific American Law Student Association. His enthusiasm for the labor movement stems from his family history and the guidance of two tremendous mentors in law school.



**Naman Siad** JD'19

*University of Wisconsin Law School  
Madison, WI*  
Chicago News Guild  
Chicago, IL

As a senior in high school in Madison, WI, Naman became interested in workers' rights during the 2011 Act 10 protests. Throughout her undergraduate and law school career, Naman has been interested in the intersections of law and social justice. She hopes to pursue a Labor and Employment concentration in law school. Naman currently works with the Immigrant Justice Clinic, the *Wisconsin International Law Journal* and serves on the executive boards of both the Middle Eastern and Black Law Students Associations. After law school, she plans to use her experience to advocate on behalf of workers from marginalized communities.



**Megan Stater** JD'20

*New York University School of Law  
New York, NY*  
Cohen, Weiss & Simon LLP  
New York, NY

Megan decided to pursue labor and employment law while working in the restaurant and agricultural industries as a minimum-wage worker in rural Oregon. Her experiences demonstrated the importance of protecting workers' rights to create a safe and just workplace. While an undergraduate, she found further inspiration in her studies of 19th century social philosophy. Working with Oregon Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici after college, she researched labor politics on the national stage and the development of state-based voluntary retirement plans. In law school, she volunteers with the R.E.A.C.H. Clinic, which provides legal services at soup kitchens in New York.



**Jake Stevens** JD'19

*New York University School of Law  
New York, NY*  
Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, PC  
New York, NY

Jake was a Peggy Browning Fellow at NYSUT last summer and he wants to make sure workers are treated fairly by their employers. After years of political organizing for candidates from Barack Obama to Bernie Sanders, he decided to pursue a different angle of attack on the nation's power structures and applied to law school. Now a rising 3L he is working towards a career in the labor movement and continues to fight for working people outside the classroom through work with the National Lawyers Guild, Law Students for Economic Justice, and the DSA.

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**Anne Stieg** JD'19

*University of Houston Law Center  
Houston, TX*  
Farmworker Justice  
Washington, DC

Anne grew up in Dallas, TX and after graduating with a degree in political science, worked for a California State Senator for nearly four years. In that capacity, she developed experience in the formation and execution of legislation, including legislation to expand California's Family Medical Leave Act. She staffed issues related to health care, women's issues, governance and finance, and worker rights. After her second year of law school, Anne interned with the California Planned Parenthood Education Fund in Sacramento, CA ensuring men and women have access to critical health care services.



**Rocio Topete** JD'19

*Howard University School of Law  
Washington, DC*  
Adelante Alabama Worker Center  
Birmingham, AL

The daughter of a Mexican immigrant, Rocio's familial experiences, as well as those while in college, forced her to witness the indignities immigrants face in the workplace every day. Prior to law school, Rocio worked in the private and public sectors focusing on policy-based ways to improve living standards for indigenous groups. Rocio is currently a member of the Huver I Brown Trail Advocacy Moot Court Team, the program assistant for the Howard School of Law Dispute Resolution Certificate Program, and a law clerk at the Maryland State Courthouse. She plans to spend her legal career in the Labor & Employment sector and to learn more about Alternative Dispute Resolution.



**Corey Triggs** JD'19

*University of Wisconsin Law School  
Milwaukee, WI*  
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Milwaukee, WI

Growing up in a union household, Corey observed the impact that unions have on families and communities, and has long been interested in workers' rights. As an undergraduate he studied labor history and wrote his thesis on the seminal 1985-86 strike at the Hormel meatpacking plant in Austin, Minnesota. These experiences led him to take a job after graduation with the State of Wisconsin, investigating workplace discrimination complaints. While in law school, Corey has served as student administrator of the Unemployment Appeals Clinic, leading a team of student attorneys who represent workers appealing their unemployment benefit denials.



**Zoe Tucker** JD'20

*Cornell University Law School  
Ithaca, NY*  
United Steelworkers (USW)  
Pittsburgh, PA

Zoe became interested in advocating for workers' rights while working in restaurants and on farms throughout college. After graduating, she served as a FoodCorps member in several Montana school districts, wrote about worker-owned cooperatives and the gig economy as a freelance journalist, and worked as an editorial assistant at The New York Times Syndicate. Zoe came to law school hoping to be a union-side labor lawyer, and she is a representative of her school's National Lawyers Guild chapter.



**Joe Wright** JD'19

*Seattle University School of Law  
Seattle, WA*  
National Employment Law Project (NELP)  
Seattle, WA

A 2017 Peggy Browning Fellow, Joe treasured his experience with SEIU and is extremely excited to work with the National Employment Law Project this summer. Since graduating from college, Joe has worked to improve the lives of working people in a variety of ways. Following President Obama's reelection campaign in 2012, he felt called to serve in the labor movement. Joe worked with SEIU as an Organizer in Training and then for three years at SEIU Healthcare Local 1199NW. In law school, Joe is a member of the Law Review, Phi Alpha Delta and the Dispute Resolution Board.



**Cristian Xochimitl** JD'19

*Ohio Northern University  
College of Law  
Ada, OH*  
Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project  
Chicago, IL

Born in Los Angeles to immigrant parents who worked in clothing factories, Cristian's interest in worker's rights came from listening to family members discuss their jobs and unfair working conditions. From the age of 13, he was exposed to different forms of labor conditions and recognized the need to address workers' rights. Working in the trucking business, backrooms of kitchens, with production management, and with unions at an airline catering company, ignited a desire to become an attorney and advocate for workers. With his legal education, hard work ethic, and commitment to advocacy, he continues to work towards workplace justice.

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### Christopher Zatrutz JD'19

*City University of New York  
School of Law  
Long Island City, NY*  
**Communications Workers of America  
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Washington, DC

In college, Chris became emboldened by various movements, particularly the labor movement, and decided to attend law school to advocate for the rights of working people. While in law school, Chris has worked two stints at the National Labor Relations Board; one in the headquarters in Washington D.C. and one in the Region 29 Brooklyn office. Most recently, Chris traveled to the South as a delegate of The Mississippi Project where he met organizers and conducted research on behalf of the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights. Chris is excited to work on campaigns at the CWA, of which his father was a member.



### David Zhai JD'19

*Washington University St. Louis  
School of Law  
St. Louis, MO*  
**O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP**  
Washington, DC

David arrived at law school with a strong commitment to public interest, and discovered that the field of employee benefits law provided the ideal opportunity for him to make a difference by protecting workers' retirement benefits. Prior to law school, David raised funds for Push America, a disability awareness philanthropy, along with his fellow Pi Kappa Phi brothers. After working full-time for six years and completing a Masters of Public Health, David decided to attend law school with the goal of working in public interest.