



# PBF 2026

THE PEGGY BROWNING FUND  
FELLOWS BROCHURE

# MEET OUR FELLOWS

## 2026

The Peggy Browning Fund is proud to present the Fellowship Class of 2026! These 103 exceptional law students will dedicate their summers to advancing the cause of workers' rights by working for labor unions, labor-oriented nonprofit organizations, and union-side law firms.

Labor needs lawyers now more than ever. As America is being turned against our proud history of labor - the National Labor Relations Board, worker organizations and unions, migrant laborers, and guaranteed rights and safeties - solidarity across the labor movement is as crucial as ever. We hope that as you read more about our fellows, you will feel as proud and confident as we do that these students understand the urgency of fighting for workplace justice and liberation across the tumultuous landscape we face today, and that this new generation of leaders will be more than fit for the challenge.

In our nearly 30 years, the Peggy Browning Fund has been a bridge between law students and the labor movement. We, along with every partnering mentor organization, are honored to ensure that dedicated law students in the ever-threatened field of labor law continually have access to real-world training where they can refine their legal skills, gain practical experience, and develop their professional network, and learn about the movement. We could not do this without collaboration and commitment from our partners.

We wish to share our deepest thanks to everyone who plays a role in making PBF the powerhouse it has become. Our small team of only 4 employees is wholly dedicated to bringing our programs across the country. Each of us plays a bit of every role here to make sure that we can best meet the needs of our fellows and mentors while looking ahead at what labor needs. Our board of directors consists of some of the most invested and impassioned labor lawyers in the field. Their belief in the students, in our staff, and in the labor movement as a whole is inspiring. We also rely on volunteers from our vast alumni network as well as the allies of PBF who help us put together info sessions, regional workshops, our National Law Students' Workers Rights Conference, awards ceremonies, and so much more. We are a 100% donor-funded organization and truly would not be able to break down systemic and economic barriers without the gracious support from each and every donor. It is with this support that some of the brightest minds in law are able to join us instead of being restricted and burdened by finances.

There is no doubt in our minds and hearts that every student in this brochure has an overwhelming passion for becoming and empowering workplace justice advocates. Please join us in congratulating our 2026 Peggy Browning Fund Fellows!

In Solidarity,

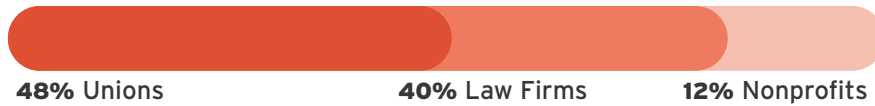
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# 2026 FELLOWS AT A GLANCE

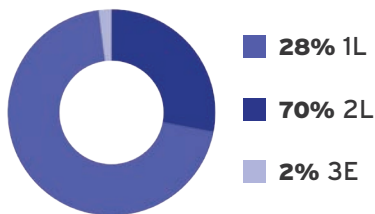
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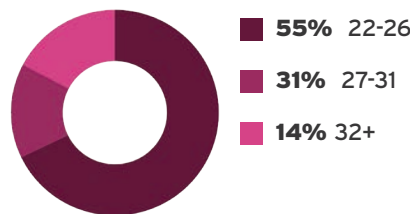
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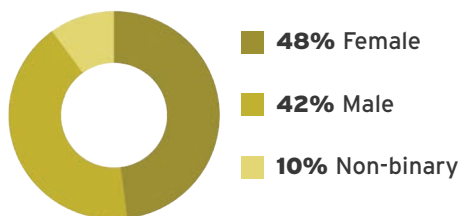
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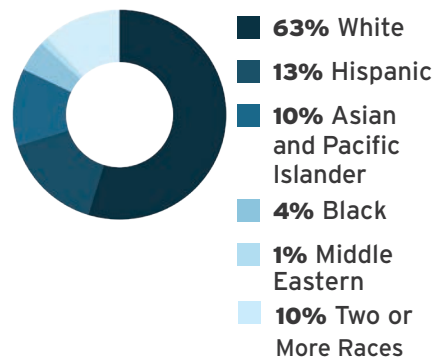
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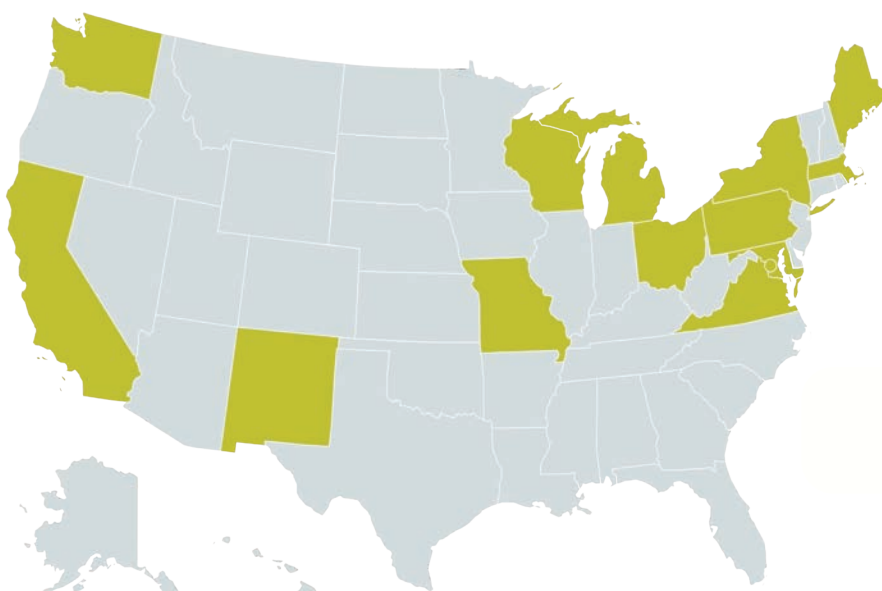
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## RACE/ETHNICITY



Fellows placed in  
**16 STATES**



## SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

American University Washington College of Law  
Boston University School of Law  
Brooklyn Law School  
Chicago-Kent College of Law  
Columbia Law School  
Cornell Law School  
CUNY School of Law  
Duke Law School  
Florida State University College of Law  
Fordham University School of Law  
George Mason University Law School  
Georgetown University Law Center  
Harvard Law School  
Howard University School of Law  
Lewis & Clark Law School  
Marquette University Law School  
New York Law School  
Northeastern University School of Law  
NYU School of Law  
Penn State Dickinson Law  
Saint Louis University School of Law  
Santa Clara University School of Law  
Seattle University School of Law  
Temple University Beasley School of Law  
The George Washington University Law School  
The University of Chicago Law School  
University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law  
University of California College of the Law, San Francisco  
University of California, Berkeley School of Law  
University of California, Davis School of Law  
University of California, Irvine School of Law  
University of California, Los Angeles School of Law  
University of Chicago Law School  
University of Illinois College of Law  
University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law  
University of Michigan Law School  
University of Minnesota Law School  
University of New Mexico School of Law  
University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School  
University of Pittsburgh School of Law  
University of San Francisco School of Law  
University of Southern California Gould School of Law  
University of Virginia School of Law  
University of Washington School of Law  
University of Wisconsin Law School  
Willamette University College of Law  
William & Mary Law School  
Yale Law School  
Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law



## **YASMINE ABI-HANNA, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Duke Law School | Mooney, Green,  
Saindon, Murphy & Welch, P.C.,  
Washington, DC

Born and raised in New Jersey, Yasmine is proud to be the daughter of union members. She graduated from McGill University with a Joint Honours degree in Sociology and Middle Eastern Studies. After college, she worked in the labor movement in New York City, organizing hotel and gaming workers in New York and New Jersey. Yasmine was the lead organizer on decertification fights and contract ratifications. At Duke Law, Yasmine is the co-president of the Duke Law Government and Public Interest Association and an editor on the Duke Law Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy. Yasmine spent her 1L summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow with New York State United Teachers. She is so excited to be a fellow again and join Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy & Welch this summer.



## **FINLAY ADAMSON, JD 2027**

*He/Him*

Harvard Law School | AFSCME,  
Washington, DC

Finlay Adamson is from Gig Harbor, Washington, and received his B.A. in World Politics from Hamilton College. Before law school, he worked as an English Teaching Assistant in Varna, Bulgaria through the Fulbright program, and also volunteered with a local community center to provide economic and social support to young Roma families. At Harvard Law School, Finlay is a News Contributor for OnLabor.org and a Research Assistant with the Center for Labor and a Just Economy (CLJE), where he conducts comparative research on labor systems in Europe and South America. Additionally, he is a member and steward of the Harvard Graduate Students Union- United Auto Workers (HGSU-UAW). Finlay is passionate about protecting the rights of public workers, and is excited to work as a Peggy Browning fellow at the American Federation for State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).



## **ELIZABETH ALGERI, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Yeshiva University, Benjamin N.  
Cardozo School of Law | New York  
State United Teachers (NYSUT),  
New York, NY

Elizabeth comes from a family of food service workers; both of her parents spent their entire careers in the fast-food industry, and she began working in that field at the age of thirteen. Workers' rights have long been central to her values, and motivated her to become a first-generation college student. During her undergraduate career, she became deeply involved in immigrant and refugee advocacy through organizations such as the Bloomington Refugee Support Network, Seeking Refuge, and the LUM Immigration Clinic. This work ultimately led her to pursue law school, where her early commitment to workers' rights was reignited through involvement with the Unemployment Action Center, which assists New Yorkers in appealing benefits determinations at administrative hearings. She now serves as president of Cardozo's chapter.



## **CHARLES APRILE, JD 2028**

*He/Him*

Columbia Law School | Global Labor  
Justice, Washington, DC

Charles Aprile is a rising 2L at Columbia Law School, where he is a Max Berger '71 Public Interest/Public Service Fellow, Co-president of the Workers' Rights Student Coalition, and a proud member of the National Lawyers' Guild. Born and raised in Italy, he has long been committed to building worker power internationally. Prior to law school, Charles worked as an organizer for the Hotel and Gaming Trades Council, and later the Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain (IWGB), where he led union campaigns for outsourced facilities workers at universities, hospitals and corporate offices. He was inspired to pursue law as a strategic tool to strengthen the bargaining leverage of low-wage workers in the global services and logistics sectors. He received his B.A. in Urban Studies from Swarthmore College and his MSc in Development Studies from SOAS, University of London. This summer, Charles will be at Global Labor Justice, where he is excited to participate in creative legal advocacy to empower working people across the world.



## **NATHANAEL ASHTON-PIPER, JD 2027**

*He/Him*

University of Minnesota Law School  
| AFSCME, Washington, DC

Nathanael is a Robina Public Interest Scholar dedicated to advancing workers' rights and economic justice through collective action and unions. Nathanael's passion for labor law is rooted in the values of his grandparents, both of whom were pastors in the Lutheran Church. His grandfather's first pastoral ministry in English included organizing immigrant steel mill workers, and he later organized with the Ohio AFL-CIO, advocating for the Church's engagement with the labor movement to promote economic justice for the working poor. Nathanael became further interested in the unifying power of Labor after watching the 2018 teachers strikes and Gov. Andy Beshear's election victory in the state of Kentucky with the backing of organized labor. Nathanael completed a PBF Fellowship last summer with Make the Road New Jersey, where he learned and practiced the core tenets of movement lawyering. At Minnesota Law, he is actively involved with the Student Labor and Employment Law Association, Black Law Students Association, and Minnesota Law Student Labor Union (affiliated with AFSCME Council 5) as it negotiates its first contract.



## **LESLY AVENDAÑO, JD 2028**

*She/Her*

University of California, Los Angeles  
School of Law | Weinberg, Roger &  
Rosenfeld, Emeryville, CA

Lesly is a 2L at UCLA School of Law, where she co-directs the CRS Race, Work, Economic Justice Clinic as well as the Labor and Economic Justice Project. She serves on the El Centro Legal Projects board and the board for Public Interest Student Organization and is an editor for the Indigenous Peoples' Journal of Law, Culture & Resistance. Lesly earned her B.A. in Legal Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, where she completed an honors thesis titled A Case Study on Oaxaqueñx Identities: Its Political and Legal Importance. In her free time, she likes to craft bead/clay earrings and bake.



## **ANASTASIA ASSENSO, JD 2028**

*She/Her*

Northeastern University School  
of Law | Service Employees  
International Union (SEIU),  
Washington, DC

Born and raised in Manchester, Connecticut, Anastasia is a proud daughter of Ghanaian immigrants. Witnessing her mother's experiences working in healthcare as a single mother, Anastasia became committed to challenging economic and systemic injustice from a young age. This commitment led to her majoring in Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University's School of Industrial & Labor Relations, where she explored the intricacies of labor law and the labor movement and came to understand the interconnectedness between the labor movement, social justice, and economic advancement. Anastasia has furthered her commitment to the labor movement through undergraduate internships with labor unions and labor research organizations. After graduating from Cornell, Anastasia is now a rising 2L at the Northeastern University School of Law, where she is a Public Interest Law Scholar (PILS). Anastasia is beyond thrilled to be a Peggy Browning Fellow at the SEIU this summer, supporting a union that has long supported her and her family.



## **DEIRDRE BAKER, JD 2027**

*Any/All*

University of California College of  
the Law, San Francisco | Neyhart,  
Anderson, Flynn & Grosboll, San  
Francisco, CA

Deirdre Baker grew up in Oakland, California and is a rising 3L at UC Law San Francisco. They graduated from Reed College in 2021 with a Political Science degree after completing a thesis which examined international organizing around climate migration issues. Prior to law school, Deirdre worked as a researcher studying and evaluating community programs for promoting social cohesion. She also helped unionized workers at a summer camp and served on the initial executive board of that union. At UC Law San Francisco, Deirdre served as the President of OUTLaw and organizes with the United Legal Educators to advocate for law student workers. They appreciate the importance of collective organizing and look forward to advocating for workers this summer.



## **HENRY BARFORD, JD 2027**

*He/Him, They/Them*

Northeastern University School of Law | Communications Workers of America (CWA), Washington, DC

Henry grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, and was first introduced to the labor movement by the 2011 protests against Governor Scott Walker's Act 10. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin - Madison with a BA in Linguistics and Philosophy, Henry helped with local labor, community and political organizing campaigns and worked for two years at a public interest health law firm, assisting low-income clients with health insurance and medical debt issues. At Northeastern University School of Law, Henry has continued to organize his fellow workers as the treasurer of the Northeastern Employment and Labor Law Association, and as a proud member of the graduate student union (GENU-UAW). Last summer, at Legal Action of Wisconsin, Henry conducted legal research and directly assisted clients with post-judgment relief in Legal Action's Employment Unit. This summer, Henry is thrilled to advocate for the nation's communications workers as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Communications Workers of America.



## **ANASTASIA BEKKER, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Georgetown University Law Center | Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy & Welch, P.C., Washington, DC

Anastasia Bekker grew up in Maryland and studied Economics and Political Science at Washington College, where she wrote an undergraduate thesis comparing the lobbying efforts and campaign contributions of unions across different industries. Currently a 2L at Georgetown, she works as a staff editor for the Georgetown Journal of Poverty Law and Policy and is a founding member of the Georgetown Labor & Employment Law Society. In the spring of 2025, Anastasia was a trial monitor for the Greenpeace v. Energy Transfer case about the Dakota Access Pipeline and Standing Rock protests. Last summer, she was the John Burton Intern on Workers' Compensation at the National Academy of Social Insurance and researched occupational health and safety with the Washington Department of Labor & Industries. This summer, she will be a PBF Fellow with the law firm Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy & Welch in DC.

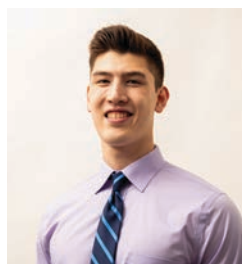


## **JULIA BERGEL, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

NYU School of Law | Peer, Gan, Gisler, & Favreau LLP, Washington, DC

Julia was raised in Montgomery County, Maryland and received her B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Rochester in 2022. As a fourth-generation teacher, witnessing firsthand the problems teachers face in non-unionized sectors further cemented her drive to pursue labor law. Prior to law school, Julia worked as a Pre-K teacher, and experienced firsthand the daily struggles of being in a non-unionized field. She plans to use her law degree to work with underrepresented workforces, and has the long-term goal of organizing early childhood educators. Last summer, Julia was a PBF at New York State United Teachers, and is thrilled to be a PBF again this year at Peer, Gan, Gisler, & Favreau LLP.



## **JAMES BLANCHFIELD, JD 2028**

*He/Him*

Harvard Law School | Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA), New York, NY

Originally from Schenectady, New York, James developed a strong interest in labor and workers' rights in high school, when he interned with the Labor Religion Coalition based in Albany, New York. He then worked for New York State United Teachers during his sophomore summer in college, focusing on creating media to promote union lobbying efforts in the New York State legislature. Prior to law school, James worked in the film/television industry as a production coordinator and was a member of IATSE Local 161. As a member of the union, he was involved in a campaign to organize production accountants, which led to his interest in applying to law school and becoming a labor lawyer. He is excited to be working with the MLBPA this summer and stand with the players as they begin to negotiate a new contract with the league.



## **WILL BRADLEY, JD 2027**

*He/Him*

University of Maryland Francis King  
Carey School of Law | New York  
State Nurses Association (NYSNA),  
New York, NY

Will was born and raised in Maryland. The son of two musicians, he quickly learned just how political the profession can be. With a mother active in her union, he was exposed to the intricacies of unions early on in life, and compounded by his close vicinity to the nation's capital, his early interest in politics developed. Eventually, Will graduated from the University of Maryland, Cum Laude, with a B.A. in Government and Politics and a minor in Philosophy. During his time in College Park, he explored his interest in advocating for civil rights and decided that his passion revolved around labor rights. Will decided to attend law school to gain the necessary tools to defend unions. Currently, he attends the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and hopes to become the best possible representative for workers and unions.



## **ALLY BROWN, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

American University Washington  
College of Law | American  
Federation of Teachers (AFT),  
Washington, DC

After working for a decade in the labor movement and progressive politics, Ally Brown decided to pursue law school to acquire additional skills to fight for workers' rights and economic justice. As an opposition researcher, she conducted and oversaw research for labor unions and Democratic campaigns from municipal and state-legislative races to the presidential level. Ally is a rising 3L at American University in Washington, DC, and is thrilled to return for her second summer as a PBF Fellow after working with the SMART (Sheet Metal Workers Union) Local #19 in 2025. After a wonderful externship with CWA this spring, Ally looks forward to learning more about the labor movement this summer with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT).



## **PATRICK CARNEY, JD 2028**

*He/Him*

University of Pennsylvania Carey  
Law School | SEIU Local 668,  
Philadelphia, PA

Though born in New Jersey, Patrick was raised in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, in the heart of the Pocono Mountains. With family roots in the working communities of New York City, he grew up with a deep appreciation for the value of hard work and the importance of workers' rights. After working as a DoorDash driver and plaintiffs-side employment/labor law paralegal, Patrick committed himself to advancing those rights, bringing that experience with him to Penn Law in Philadelphia. There, he found a natural home partnering with SEIU Local 668, continuing the fight for workers across his home state. Grounded in the values instilled by his family, Patrick carries that background into his advocacy and his law school work, driven by the workers and families who depend on strong labor protections.



## **SERENE CHANG, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Georgetown University Law Center  
| Service Employees International  
Union (SEIU), Washington, DC

Serene was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is the daughter of Taiwanese immigrants. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, where she majored in history and minored in journalism, human rights, and creative writing. Serene's experiences providing immigration and domestic violence legal services in her hometown and in the DMV area, conducting local and investigative reporting, serving in the U.S. Army Reserves, and working in the food service industry revealed the daily obstacles faced by individuals due to low-income, immigrant, and minority statuses. In particular, her time in the military and in food service drew her to the labor movement after she saw firsthand the drastic consequences of workplaces without strong protections. Serene is excited to advocate for service employees' workplace rights this summer.



## BAILEY CHAPIN, JD 2027

*Any/All*

University of California, Davis  
School of Law | Weinberg, Roger  
& Rosenfeld, Emeryville, CA

Raised by a family of teachers, Bailey quickly learned how impactful and vital unions are to protecting the workforce from mistreatment from all sides. While an undergraduate at Davis, Bailey participated in the multiple pickets and strikes across campus protesting the unfair labor practices of the University of California system-experiencing firsthand how galvanizing collective action can be. Now returning for a JD, Bailey continues to participate in worker advocacy as a co-director of King Hall's Workers' Rights Clinic and as chair of an organization that funds summer public interest work, King Hall Legal Foundation. Bailey is excited to be returning to Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld this summer to bring that passion into the work they do.



## DANA CHEN, JD 2027

*She/Her*

University of Michigan Law School  
| O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP,  
Washington, DC

Dana grew up in Queens, New York, and is the daughter of public school employees who are proud union members. After earning a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Government from Smith College, she spent four years in Washington, DC working as a paralegal at the DOJ Antitrust Division. Last summer, she was a Peggy Browning Fellow at the Washington-Baltimore News Guild (WBNG). At WBNG, she drafted position statements to the NLRB, conducted legal research, and prepared witnesses for an arbitration. At Michigan Law, Dana is an Executive Online Editor for the Michigan Law Review and a student attorney in the Civil Rights Litigation Initiative. She is thrilled to be a Peggy Browning fellow and looks forward to spending her summer supporting the labor movement.

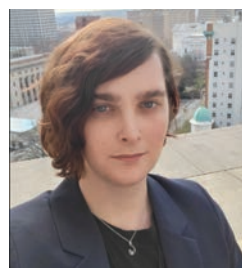


## ELAINE CHEN, JD 2027

*She/Her*

University of California, Irvine  
School of Law | Legal Aid at Work,  
San Francisco, CA

Elaine was born and raised in Diamond Bar, California, and received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2021. While at UCLA, she became interested in labor rights after covering the UC-AFT union's bargaining activities for the Daily Bruin and arguing in their support for better wages, benefits, and working conditions. Her passion for labor justice grew as she worked as a Certified Clinical Student at UC Irvine Law's Workers' and Tenants Law and Organizing Clinic. There, she assisted in the representation of workers subject to sexual harassment with UNITE HERE Local 11, and the representation of workers subject to pregnancy discrimination with California Rural Legal Assistance. Elaine is excited and honored to join the Work and Family Team with Legal Aid at Work this summer.



## CORDELIA CLARK, JD 2027

*She/Her*

William & Mary Law School |  
Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy &  
Welch, P.C., Washington, DC

An immigrant from the United Kingdom raised in Maryland, Cordelia is also a first-generation law student. After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, she began working on Democratic political campaigns, where she endeavored to elect union-friendly candidates. Having the opportunity to serve as a union steward on multiple statewide campaigns, Cordelia represented her coworkers and witnessed the tangible impact of collective action. These experiences sparked a deep interest in grassroots organizing and workers' rights, ultimately leading her to pursue a career in labor and employment law. Now a student at William & Mary Law School, Cordelia is proud to serve as President of the Labor & Employment Law Society, where she fosters engagement with practitioners and facilitates conversations about emerging workplace issues. She is thrilled to spend her summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy & Welch.



## ROSS COLEBROOK, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Seattle University School of Law |  
Scholnick Thorne Holland, Seattle,  
WA

Ross grew up in Nampa, Idaho, and went to college at American University in Washington, D.C. He went on to earn an MA in Philosophy at Texas A&M University and a PhD in Philosophy at the CUNY Graduate Center, writing a dissertation on the foundations of ethics. He has taught in the City University of New York system and other New York universities for ten years. He lived the precarity of adjunct work in higher education and saw the benefits that union organizing can bring to contingent workers and their families. He went to Seattle University School of Law to train as a worker-side labor lawyer, and served at the Drivers Union as a Fellow last year, protecting Uber and Lyft drivers from wrongful deactivations. This summer, he is eager to join the fight for workers' rights as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Scholnick Thorne Holland.



## JOHN CONLEY, JD 2027

*He/Him*

University of Arizona, James E.  
Rogers College of Law | Beeson,  
Tayer & Bodine, Oakland, CA

John grew up in Jacksonville, Florida, and earned a B.A. in History from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2018. His studies focused on historical sociology and world-systems theory. In Milwaukee, John became involved in organizing for labor, prisoners' rights, and anti-war causes. In 2019 he moved to Austin, Texas where he worked in the nonprofit and food-service industries. In law school, he manages the Legal Defense Fund of CWA Local 7065, co-chairs the student chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, is an articles editor on the Arizona Law Review, and is a student practitioner in the Civil Rights Restoration Clinic. In 2025, John assisted the workers of Tucson's Loft Cinema in organizing under IATSE Local 415. Last summer, he worked on statewide civil rights litigation at the ACLU of Arizona. John attributes his passion for the cause of labor to his study of history and experience as a worker.



## SAM CROCKFORD, JD 2028

*He/Him*

The George Washington University  
Law School | United Food &  
Commercial Workers International  
Union (UFCW), Washington, DC

Sam, currently a 1L at The George Washington University Law School, grew up in Eastern Massachusetts, a region with lots of labor history and high in union membership. After graduating from Connecticut College, Sam spent the summer at the Boston nonprofit Justice at Work, where he saw firsthand the power that organized workers had when standing up to abusive employers. After Justice at Work, Sam spent two years at the labor firm Lichten & Liss-Riordan, where he worked on cases holding major employers accountable for illegal underpayment and mistreatment of their workforces. While at LLR, Sam also helped organize one of the first staff unions at a private labor-side firm with Teamsters Local 25. Following his time at LLR, Sam spent a year at Maryland Legal Aid in the eviction defense unit and as a member of the National Organization of Legal Services Workers.



## SARA DAVID-HESS, JD 2027

*She/Her*

CUNY School of Law | Cohen, Weiss  
and Simon LLP, New York, NY

Sara is a proud Filipino from Queens and 2L at CUNY School of Law. She worked as a writer at Netflix, Paramount+, and VICE, where she was a member-organizer of VICE Union at the Writers Guild of America East (WGAE). Over seven years, Sara negotiated three collective bargaining agreements and secured digital media's first trans-inclusive healthcare policy. She was elected by more than 7,000 members to the WGAE's governing board in 2021 and has served as Vice-President of Online Media since 2022. After the 2023 Writers Strike, Sara decided to pursue law and deepen her commitment to the labor movement, which has ignited and transformed her life. She was a Peggy Browning Fellow with the Steelworkers in Pittsburgh last summer, and is honored to return with Cohen, Weiss and Simon in New York this year.



## MIKE DEWAR, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Temple University Beasley School of Law | Communications Workers of America (CWA), Washington, DC

Michael was born and raised in southern Connecticut. While attending the University of Chicago, Michael took a year off to work for the Bernie Sanders campaign in 2016 in New Hampshire and the Midwest. After graduating with a BA in History, Michael continued to work in electoral politics, including a return to the Sanders campaign in New Hampshire in 2020 where he was a proud member of UFCW Local 400. He has done volunteer labor support work since college, including walking picket lines with UNITE-HERE in their strike for better pay at South Philadelphia's stadiums. Michael matriculated to Temple Law School in 2024 to become a labor lawyer. As a Temple Law and Public Policy Scholar, Michael will also develop a policy paper on labor provisions in the USMCA this summer. Michael is a proud, returning Peggy Browning Fellow, having worked with Chicago News Guild (TNG-CWA Local 34071) and their outside counsel at Katz Friedman in 2025.



## JESSIE DICKTER, JD 2028

*She/Her*

University of New Mexico School of Law | New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty, Albuquerque, NM

Jessie earned her bachelor's degree in International Security and Conflict Resolution from San Diego State University. She has worked and volunteered for over a decade in activist and community organizing roles, deepening her commitment to social justice and collective action. Driven by her desire to expand her worldview, Jessie joined the Peace Corps and lived in Santo Domingo, Ecuador, for nearly three years. There, she supported a local organization in the management of a migrant shelter. Jessie's background in international relations shapes her perspective on the implications of worker exploitation and the power of labor movements worldwide. As a Peggy Browning Fellow, she looks forward to further exploring the intersection of workers' rights and immigrant justice. Jessie is thrilled to be back in her home state of New Mexico to study law and work with the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty to advance economic and racial justice through systemic change.



## VANESSA DIEP, JD 2027

*She/Her*

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law | Schwartz, Steinsapir, Dohrmann & Sommers LLP, Los Angeles, CA

Vanessa is a second-year law student at UCLA School of Law and the David J. Epstein Program for Public Interest Law and Policy. They were brought into the labor movement through the vibrant student labor organizing at UCLA. Since being involved in labor organizing as an undergraduate student, they have committed their time to continuing to organize in the Los Angeles area, particularly in solidarity with Filipino migrants and workers. When they are not helping build and lead organizations, train organizers, and wage campaigns, they are dedicated to their public interest aspirations, gaining experience in various public interest sectors including public defense, non-profit impact litigation, and plaintiff-side civil litigation. As a Peggy Browning Fellow, they understand the importance of using the law as a tool to empower workers and uplift the organized workers' movement. They look forward to putting these aspirations into practice.

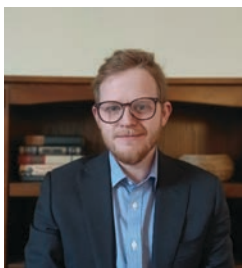


## AOBO DONG, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Cornell Law School | Leonard Carder LLP, Oakland, CA

Born in northeastern China, Aobo Dong immigrated to the United States with his parents at age fourteen and found his new home in the vibrant Asian American community in the San Francisco Bay Area. Growing up in a working-class family drew him to study various social issues stemming from structural inequality and injustice. Before law school, Aobo earned his BA from Wesleyan University, master's from Harvard Divinity School, and Ph.D. from Emory University. In graduate school, he witnessed waves of student worker unionization campaigns that inspired him to intern at the National Labor Relations Board. At Cornell Law, Aobo has been actively involved in clinical work addressing gender-based violence and other human rights issues in the U.S. and abroad. He also serves as the Senior Acquisitions Editor of the Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy. He is excited to return to the Bay Area as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## CALEB DRICKEY, JD 2027

*He/Him*

University of Maryland Francis  
King Carey School of Law | SMART,  
Washington, DC

Caleb, a second-year law student at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, hails from Oak Park, Illinois. Raised in a family with a rich history of union membership, Caleb saw first-hand the potential of unions to provide their members with economic security and workplace dignity. He first became involved with the labor movement while working as a journalist for Law360, a legal news publication. As a reporter, Caleb developed a beat covering class and collective action wage theft litigation. As a steward in the Law360 Union, Caleb helped organize his colleagues to strike for better wages and working conditions during a prolonged and contentious contract campaign. Caleb is honored to have been selected as a Peggy Browning Fellow, and is eager to learn how he can help advance the interests of rank-and-file workers in unstable industries.



## CLAIRE ELLIS, JD 2027

*She/Her, They/Them*

Georgetown University Law Center |  
Legal Aid at Work, San Francisco, CA

Raised in a Cuban-American family in Sarasota, Florida, Claire's determination to pursue justice for women, queer, and disabled workers comes from her personal experiences at work and intersecting identities. Informed by her undergraduate studies at Columbia University in Human Rights and Gender Studies, Claire believes in using the law to fight systems upholding the subordination of gendered work, specifically, the exploitation of transnational care workers and the discriminatory effects of patriarchy on wages and working conditions. While in law school, Claire interned at First Shift Justice Project in Washington, DC, helping low-wage workers combat pregnancy- and caregiver-discrimination. She also served as a student attorney at Georgetown's Civil Justice Clinic, advocating for clients who have had their wages stolen or faced termination of their unemployment compensation. This summer, Claire is thrilled to join Legal Aid at Work in their National Origin and Immigrants' Rights division as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## PATRICK FRANCIS, JD 2027

*He/Him*

University of Pittsburgh School of  
Law | United Steelworkers (USW),  
Pittsburgh, PA

Coming from a family often on the move, Patrick grew up around working people from all sorts of cultural backgrounds in several different states. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, where he studied political science and English literature. Patrick was also involved in both musical theatre as well as political activism. His passion for the labor movement came in solidarity with the regular people he met throughout his childhood. With growing wealth inequality and attacks on vulnerable communities in America, Patrick wanted a purposeful career in advancing the interests of the working class. At law school, Patrick is proud to work at one of Pittsburgh's oldest labor law firms, partaking in bargaining, arbitration, and litigation. Patrick cannot wait to learn more about union lawyering from inside Pittsburgh's flagship union, the United Steelworkers, this summer.



## RAIN FREEMAN-MOORE, JD 2027

*He/Him, They/Them*

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

As an army brat, Rain has lived in over a dozen US states, but calls New York home. Rain received his B.A. in Politics from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 2022, and was a proud supporter of the graduate student workers 2019 wildcat strike for a cost of living adjustment. Rain is now a member of that same union, the UAW 4811, and is a TA in the Political Science department at Berkeley teaching Introduction to American Politics. Originally aiming to work in criminal defense, Rain pivoted to labor law at Berkeley to address the core issues that create crime, namely low wages and poverty. Rain is the administrative editor for the Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor law, leads the Berkeley Law and Organizing Collecting, and was one of the professional school elected bargaining delegates in 2021 to determine bargaining priorities for current CBA negotiations. Rain is thrilled to be joining Legal Aid at Work this summer as a PBF fellow.



## **CINDY GAETE, JD 2027**

*She/Her*  
CUNY School of Law | Levy Ratner  
P.C., New York, NY

Cindy is a rank-and-file educator turned union organizer pursuing a career in labor law. She was first politically radicalized as a second-grade teacher in a Right-to-Work state during the 2018 Red for Ed movement. Unions, she learned, were about finding your voice to speak truth to power. Since then, she has spent a decade building worker power across sectors including education, hospitality, and healthcare. Prior to law school, Cindy worked at the National Union of Healthcare Workers, where she led contract campaigns, collective bargaining, and contract enforcement. Most recently, she interned as a law clerk at the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and is thrilled to join Levy Ratner as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer. Cindy is a proud first-generation college and law student. She earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology and Anthropology from Colgate University and is currently a second-year student at CUNY School of Law.



## **MAYA GARFINKEL, JD 2028**

*She/Her*  
Seattle University School of Law |  
Reid, Ballew & Leahy, Seattle, WA

Maya was born in Seattle, Washington to organizers and labor lawyers. She grew up attending strike lines and anti-war protests. As a student at Barnard College in New York, Maya joined the Fight for \$15 on campus and saw the power of graduate student and adjunct faculty union efforts. After college, she was a union researcher and organizer at UFCW 3000 for four years where she worked with retail and grocery workers to win union elections and build strategic campaigns. Maya also provided research support to the union coalition's fight to successfully oppose the Kroger-Albertsons merger. Maya represented her coworkers as Membership Chair for the Pacific Northwest Staff Union chapter. Maya is a first-year student at Seattle University School of Law. She is honored to work for Reid, Ballew & Leahy this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## **TEHYA GERBINO, JD 2027**

*She/Her*  
William & Mary Law School |  
New York State United Teachers  
(NYSUT), New York, NY

Tehya completed her undergraduate studies at Northeastern University, earning a B.A. in Political Science and Communication Studies. Before attending law school, she gained valuable experience working in the Massachusetts state government, where she served as a paralegal in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, assisting in the legal representation of state employees and agencies. Her interest in labor law, particularly workers' rights, continued to develop through her work for the National Treasury Employees Union as a Peggy Browning fellow in 2025. She currently works as a volunteer organizer with Unite Here Local 25 in Williamsburg Virginia, working on a campaign to pass a law allowing state and university employees to unionize. She is excited to continue her work in the labor field this summer with the New York State United Teachers and complete a second summer with the Peggy Browning Fund program.



## **DAN GOLDMAN, JD 2027**

*He/Him*  
NYU School of Law | O'Donoghue &  
O'Donoghue LLP, Washington, DC

Dan is a 2L at NYU School of Law, where he is a board member of the National Lawyers Guild and the Unemployment Action Center. Before law school, Dan worked in climate and sustainability and developed a strong interest in the intersection of environmental and labor justice. He also received a master's degree from the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, where he conducted research on farmworker organizing in New York State. Last summer, he interned with Make the Road New Jersey, supporting immigrant workers and tenants. This summer, Dan is excited to join O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP in Washington, D.C., and looks forward to building community with fellow advocates while pursuing a career advancing workers' rights.



## **DANIELA GÓMEZ, JD 2028**

*She/Her*

American University Washington  
College of Law | Justice at Work,  
Philadelphia, PA

Dani is a first-year law student at American University Washington College of Law. A Venezuelan-American dual citizen and first-generation American, she is dedicated to advocating for the human dignity of immigrants, regardless of their legal status. She worked as an immigration paralegal for three years before law school with a focus on removal defense, T visas, U visas, and VA WA self-petitions. Dani graduated from Swarthmore College with a double major in Political Science & Environmental Policy and Arabic Studies and has a Master of Science from Johns Hopkins University in Data Analytics and Policy. She works as a Research Assistant at the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) and is the incoming vice president of the Labor and Employment Law Society at the Washington College of Law. She is passionate about labor law, immigration law, and constitutional law.



## **JUAN GONZALEZ VALDIVIESO, JD 2028**

*He/Him, They/Them*

CUNY School of Law |  
Massachusetts Teachers Association  
(MTA), Quincy, MA

Originally from Bogotá, Colombia, Juan immigrated to the United States at the age of 4 and grew up in Lexington, Kentucky. He pursued a degree in Music with a Minor in History at the University of Michigan, inspired by a love for jazz music and an interest in the political history of his home country. While at Michigan, Juan helped lead a successful campaign to win minimum wage increases for student and temporary workers at the university and later spearheaded efforts to organize undergraduate support for graduate student workers who were on strike for a fair contract. His post-undergraduate work led him to Minneapolis, Minnesota where he organized nursing assistants at long-term care facilities across the state with SEIU Healthcare Minnesota & Iowa. Juan is a stalwart advocate for a bottom-up theory of change. He believes only a true orientation towards rank-and-file militancy can provide a winning strategy in building working class power.



## **ANNA GORSKI, JD 2026**

*She/Her*

University of California College of  
the Law, San Francisco | Kraw Law  
Group, Mountain View, CA

Anna is a Brazilian-American with a background in public defense and working with the reentry community. Her work helping expunge criminal records led her to the labor movement because she saw how stable and well paid employment is life changing and drastically diminishes the cycle of incarceration. While in Law School, she has organized with the student union and been president for the Employment and Labor Student Association. Last year she was a Peggy Browning Fellow at Neyhart Anderson and Grosboll in San Francisco, California and she is excited to dive into the world of ERISA law this summer at Kraw Law Group in Mountain View, California.



## **NICOLAS GREAMO, JD 2028**

*He/Him*

University of Virginia School of Law  
| Sheet Metal Workers' Local 19  
(SMART), Philadelphia, PA

Nicolas originally hails from Washington, D.C. His passion for labor and worker organizing stems from his time as a student journalist. He worked at the Daily Bruin, UCLA's student newspaper, throughout undergrad, serving as an editor for the Opinion section and a staff photographer. His experiences covering campus unions and labor disputes led him to major in Labor Studies, culminating in a research project on litigation against AI companies for the Writers Guild of America West. As a 1L student, Nicolas is a Law and Public Service Fellow and participates in pro bono projects with the Innocence Project at UVA Law and the Virginia Employment and Labor Law Association, which hosts a program providing representation to state employees in grievance proceedings. He is incredibly grateful and beyond delighted to be working as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Sheet Metal Workers' Local 19 this summer.



## ETHAN GREENE, JD 2027

*He/Him*

University of San Francisco  
School of Law | Weinberg, Roger &  
Rosenfeld, Emeryville, CA

Ethan Greene, is a rising third-year law student at the University of San Francisco School of Law. As a staunch proponent of workers' rights and human rights as a whole, he is very passionate about labor law and will be working at Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld's Emeryville office over the summer. Although originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Ethan moved to California in 2024 (then only twenty-two years old) to attend law school in San Francisco and establish a new life on the West Coast. In his free time, he enjoys playing guitar, reading, listening to music, and being out in nature. Ethan is excited to join the Peggy Browning Fellowship because this organization has a long and storied history of supporting labor advocates while empowering American workers as a whole.



## ARAN HAMILTON- GRENHAM, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Penn State Dickinson Law | United  
Auto Workers, International Union  
(UAW), Detroit, MI

Aran began attending law school after working on political campaigns in Massachusetts and for the Boston City Council. While working on campaigns, he was a part of the first ever Massachusetts statewide campaign staff to unionize. While working on the Boston City Council, he helped hold a hearing regarding extreme heat protections and drafted legislation to prohibit contractors with a history of wage theft from receiving city contracts. During campaigns, he had the opportunity to work with rank and file union members to advocate for pro-labor candidates committed to the labor movement. Aran graduated from Stonehill College, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Journalism. He aims to work in the labor movement as a post graduate to both protect and fight for unionized workers and to expand union membership into less organized fields.



## HANNAH HAMLER, JD 2028

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Willamette University College of Law  
| Teamsters 117, Tukwila, WA

Hailing from rural Alaska, Hannah is motivated by a love of people, community, and the land. A lifelong commitment to collective care and freedom has shown Hannah how solidarity creates possibilities that are otherwise unavailable when we fight alone. Hannah's recent work as chief steward of their union, Transit Workers Union Local 320, offered first-hand experience of those possibilities expanding further through access to collaborative, enthusiastic legal counsel. This experience sparked their interest in pursuing a legal education. As a law student and future attorney, Hannah dedicates their efforts to liberation and the increased wellbeing of all. They are very excited to continue learning and fighting as a Peggy Browning Fellow with Teamsters 117 this summer.



## ANJA HAYES, JD 2027

*She/They*

Temple University Beasley School  
of Law | Service Employees  
International Union (SEIU),  
Washington, DC

Anja lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Growing up, she proudly supported her mother's union and stood with them on the picket lines during strikes (even when she wasn't able to stand yet). During her undergraduate years, she worked for the sole nonpartisan political center in Southern Utah. During her time there, she coordinated local election town halls and helped organize campaigns to register rural Utahns to vote and stay engaged with local political matters. After graduating college, Anja was thrilled to return to Philadelphia to advocate for workers and communities across the city. She has stood in solidarity with AFSCME workers during strikes. She also helped facilitate the first citywide tenants' organizing conference in Philadelphia and has been involved in matters concerning worker's rights and housing advocacy since beginning law school. Anja is also one of the lead coordinators for Temple Law's Name Change Clinics. Currently, she is researching truckers' contracts and investigating the nationwide impact of TRAP clauses on workers' rights. Outside of her work, Anja enjoys hiking, arts and crafts, and sea lion memes.



## SEGAN HELLE, JD 2027

*She/Her*

Northeastern University School of Law  
| Solidarity Law, Portland, ME

Segan is a second-year law student and a Law, Equity & Race Scholar at Northeastern University School of Law. She grew up in Chula Vista, California as the daughter of a public school teacher and a retail worker. Prior to beginning law school, she earned her A.B. in Social Studies from Harvard College in 2020 and her MEd from Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2022. She then worked as a high school history teacher at a charter school where she helped organize their first Educators union. Last summer, Segan worked as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Greater Boston Legal Service's Workers' Rights Unit. Segan is excited to learn more about how to support unions and the labor movement this summer as a fellow at Solidarity Law.



## ALLEE HERRON, JD 2028

*She/Her, They/Them*

University of Virginia School of Law  
| Legal Aid at Work, San Francisco, CA

Originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee, Allee grew up helping her dad with his local union representative responsibilities. Allee's passion for workers' rights was born from her family's experiences and grew when she began working at a coffee shop in high school. After writing a petition for fair pay at her part-time job as a teenager, Allee realized that advocating for workers' rights would be a life-long endeavor for her. A first-generation college student from a family of blue-collar workers, Allee studied history at The George Washington University. She began law school at University of Virginia School of Law after spending two years working as a legal assistant at a criminal defense firm in her hometown. Allee is thrilled to be working with Legal Aid at Work this summer and is grateful to the Peggy Browning Fund for making this opportunity possible. She looks forward to helping workers learn about and assert their workplace rights.



## JACK HOWARD, JD 2027

*He/Him*

University of Pennsylvania  
Carey Law School | International  
Brotherhood of Teamsters,  
Washington, DC

Jack grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. His passion for labor rights began in high school when he learned American history from a former Teamster trucker and organizer. Jack attended the University of Chicago where he studied Fundamentals: Issues and Texts, and History. After college, he moved to Philadelphia and worked as a substitute teacher and then as an English teacher at the Math, Civics, and Sciences Charter School in Center City, Philadelphia. His time teaching sharpened his focus on issues of poverty and economic justice. He began law school at the University of Pennsylvania in September 2024. After his first year of law school, he interned with The Honorable Peter Killough, Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of Maryland. He is extremely excited to spend this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.



## MADDIE HREN, JD 2027

*She/Her*

George Mason University Law  
School | AFL-CIO, Washington, DC

Maddie Hren graduated from Boston University in 2018 and is a second-year law student at George Mason University. After college, she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala, where she spent two years working closely with local communities before returning to Washington, DC. In 2023, Maddie began organizing a union at her small nonprofit—what she initially expected to be a straightforward effort evolved into a prolonged and contentious campaign with organizational leadership. The experience culminated in a successful union vote and sparked a lasting commitment to labor organizing and the power of collective action. Maddie is also deeply committed to immigration advocacy and public defense. She spent the summer of 2025 as an intern with the Amica Center for Immigrant Rights, and the spring semester with the Public Defenders Service of DC. She also loves musical theatre, Zumba, and her tuxedo cat Sherman.



## MELISSA INDA, JD 2027

*She/Her*

University of California, Irvine  
School of Law | Gilbert and  
Sackman, Los Angeles, CA

Melissa grew up in Palmdale, California, and is the proud daughter of immigrant parents from Nayarit, Mexico. As a first-generation Latina, she earned her B.A. from UCLA in Political Science with a minor in Chicana Studies. Grounded in her culture and community, she is committed to advancing labor rights and equitable opportunities. Melissa has worked at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, supporting litigation and advocacy for Latine civil rights. As a 2L at UC Irvine School of Law, she continues her work with the Immigrant and Racial Justice Solidarity Clinic, representing immigrant communities. Early experiences with family-led labor organizing shaped her belief in collective power. She aspires to use the law to bridge cultural and linguistic divides and expand access to justice.



## OWEN JACKSON, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Marquette University Law School |  
United Auto Workers, International  
Union (UAW), Detroit, MI

Born and raised in Milaca, Minnesota, Owen is the grandson of a Teamsters trucker. He earned his BA in Political Science from the University of Minnesota pursuing an interest in economic justice. There, he served as a research assistant for Michele Statz, Ph.D., examining the Community Justice Worker model and access to justice in rural and tribal courts. As a university employee, he organized with the successful campaign to reform Minnesota's Public Employee Labor Relations Act, opening the door to new organizing for over 23,000 university workers. Owen spent last summer serving as a Marquette Public Interest Law Fellow at the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, where he observed CBA negotiations, drafted agreement summaries, and compiled evidence of worker misclassification and wage theft. He is thrilled to be continuing his labor law journey this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow at the UAW's Solidarity House in Detroit.



## YE JIANG, JD 2027

*He/Him*

The George Washington University  
Law School | Communications  
Workers of America (CWA),  
Washington, DC

Ye is a 2L at George Washington University Law School. As an undergraduate, he researched the Uyghur genocide, which sparked his interest in international human rights and accountability. Building on this foundation, after his 1L summer internship at Kohn, Kohn & Colapinto, Ye attended the International Human Rights Law Summer School at the University of Oxford, where he studied the philosophical foundations of human rights, international humanitarian law, and the enforcement of international human rights systems. At GW Law, he has been active in the National Lawyers Guild and other student initiatives that promote workers' rights and social justice. Ye is committed to a career advocating for labor and human rights, and this coming summer he will serve as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the Communications Workers of America, supporting their mission to defend and expand the rights of working people.



## ELIZABETH KAMYA, JD 2027

*She/They*

Santa Clara University School of  
Law | Hotel and Gaming Trades  
Council, New York, NY

Elizabeth Kamya is a rising 3L passionate about advancing workers' rights. Originally from just outside Boston, she moved to the Bay Area to attend Santa Clara University, where she earned a degree in Sociology and Psychology. After graduating, Elizabeth became a union organizer representing City of San José workers, serving as chief negotiator and advocating for equitable wages and workplace protections. That experience demonstrated the power of collective action and inspired her to pursue a legal career in public interest law focused on litigation. Now at Santa Clara University School of Law, she has gained experience in legal research, writing, and trial preparation. Elizabeth also serves as LGBTQIA+ Chair for the NAACP California-Hawai'i State Conference, advocating for her community. Guided by a commitment to justice, she seeks to harness the law to create a more equitable future for working families and communities too often left behind.



## **SAM KARPP, JD 2027**

*He/Him*

University of Washington School of Law | Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt LLP, Seattle, WA

Sam and his intrepid coworkers formed the Book Workers Union and organized to win recognition at a Seattle bookstore in 2020. He was elected to lead the committee which would bargain BWU's first contract, which was ratified in 2021. These victories were only possible due to the invaluable contributions every step of the way from the worker-leaders, organizers, activists, and attorneys of the Seattle labor community. After experiencing firsthand the transformational effects of workers standing up together to demand a voice in the workplace, he determined to build a career in which he could support and protect other working people and their democratic organizations in their own struggles. Sam began study at the University of Washington School of Law in 2024 and spent his 1L summer working with attorney Paul Boudreaux representing plaintiffs in employment discrimination, minimum wage, and other related claims. This year, Sam is honored to have been invited to work with Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt as a Peggy Browning Fellow and is looking forward to getting to work.



## **DIANA KENNEDY, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Fordham University School of Law | Levy Ratner P.C., Manhattan, NY

Diana is a 2L at Fordham Law, and is thrilled to renew her fellowship with the Peggy Browning Fund for summer 2026. Last summer, Diana worked for Community Legal Services of Philadelphia as a Peggy Browning fellow for 2025. She worked primarily with migrant workers who had had their wages stolen, and experienced other employment rights violations. Her work at CLS cemented her interest in representing vulnerable labor populations who are exploited by predatory employers. She is excited to continue advocating for workers and to gain experience in traditional labor representation and in representing plaintiffs in employment discrimination cases this summer at Levy Ratner.



## **EMMA JANE KONKOLY, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Temple University Beasley School of Law | Community Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA

Emma Jane's passion for supporting and uplifting workers stems from her passion for public service. From a young age she was exposed to the importance of protecting workers through her dad's hard work as the president of his teachers' union. Growing up a dancer and the daughter of educators exposed her to the harsh power dynamics between workers and employers in notoriously underpaid industries. Prior to law school, Emma Jane learned about how workers are understood on a municipal level while working at the New York City Economic Development Corporation. In law school, Emma Jane has stayed engaged in public interest work while interning at the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, the National Labor Relations Board, and the Pennsylvania Innocence Project.



## **GENAVIEVE KOYN, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Brooklyn Law School | International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Washington, DC

Genavieve is a rising 3L at Brooklyn Law School who is dedicated to building a career in public service. After earning her undergraduate degree at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Genavieve worked as a paralegal at a plaintiff side employment firm, where she began to see the impact that lawyers can have on workers. Since starting at Brooklyn Law School, Genavieve has taken every opportunity to support workers including helping workers litigating pro se employment matters with the Eastern District of New York's federal pro se legal assistance project and assisting drivers facing exploitative fines with New York's Taxi Worker Defense Collective. Genavieve is honored and excited for the opportunity to learn how lawyers can support the labor movement from inside the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.



## LYDIA KRIEMAN, JD 2027

*She/They*

University of Southern California  
Gould School of Law | Bush Gottlieb,  
Glendale, CA

Lydia is a 2L at USC Gould School of Law who was born and raised in Tampa, Florida. Lydia went to undergrad at Northwestern University, where she graduated with a BSED Social Policy and Political Science. Before law school, Lydia worked at a consumer protection law firm in downtown Chicago and managed the screening unit of her hometown's local legal aid. At USC, Lydia is the VP-External of the Public Interest Law Foundation, the Communications Chair for the Employment and Labor Law Student Association, the Events Chair for the Entertainment Law Society, the Social Chair for the Student Bar Association, a Staffer on the Review of Law and Social Justice and a Peer Mentor. Lydia's passion for labor law is rooted in her 1L year from her experience as a clinic counselor in Legal Aid at Work's Workers' Rights Clinic where she met and learned from attorneys across California working in the labor field.



## JARRETT KROUSS, JD 2027

*He/Him*

University of Illinois College of Law |  
Schuchat, Cook & Werner, St. Louis,  
MO

Jarrett was born and raised in Minnesota, and studied philosophy and political science at St. Olaf College. In high school, he was a member of the UFCW as part of a job at the local grocery store, and quickly grew to appreciate the crucial role of unions in supporting and defending workers. After college, Jarrett took part in a push to unionize his workplace that drove home the importance of solidarity and empathy as the building blocks of organized labor. In law school, Jarrett authored a note for the Illinois Business Law Journal on the NLRB's Cemex decision and worked over the summer for Judge Colin S. Bruce of the Central District of Illinois. He is overjoyed to spend this summer with Schuchat, Cook & Werner in St. Louis learning more about labor law and developing his passion for the worker's movement.



## HALEY LAMBERT, JD 2026

*She/Her*

CUNY School of Law | LIUNA  
Eastern Region, East Brunswick, NJ

Haley is entering her final semester at CUNY Law School and is a proud native of Charleston, WV. She holds a BFA in Acting and Politics from NYU, where she studied at the Stella Adler Studio and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA). Before law school, Haley worked in the service industry, where she helped organize her coworkers against exploitative labor practices, particularly during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her experience advocating for herself and her coworkers motivated her to pursue a career fighting for low wage workers and a livable wage. During her time in law school, Haley served as Notes and Comments Editor of the CUNY Law Review for the 2025-2026 academic year, and worked as a research assistant, focusing on the political and legislative strategies of Hunter College's Welfare Rights Initiative. She spent the past year working for The Legal Aid Society's Employment Law Unit where she handled wage and hour theft, sexual harassment, and home health aide cases. She is excited to be working at LEROF this summer and contribute to their legislative strategy and organizing teams.



## LAUREN LALONDE, JD 2028

*She/Her*

University of Michigan Law School |  
Sugar Law Center, Detroit, MI

Lauren is a lifelong Michigander and current 1L at Michigan Law. After earning her bachelor's degree in Spanish and Political Science at Western Michigan University, she spent over three years working at the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC). At MIRC, she represented unaccompanied minors in removal proceedings and helped to develop the organization's pro bono outreach program, strengthening partnerships with volunteer attorneys and increasing access to legal representation across the state. Through this work, Lauren developed a deep commitment to immigrant rights and community-centered advocacy. She witnessed firsthand how immigration status can heighten vulnerability to workplace exploitation, wage theft, and unsafe working conditions, reinforcing her belief that strong legal advocacy is a critical tool in safeguarding workers' rights. Lauren is thrilled to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and looks forward to spending her summer with the Sugar Law Center in Detroit, contributing to its critical work advocating for workers' rights in Michigan and across the country.



## **SOPHIA LESWING, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Harvard Law School | Bush Gottlieb,  
Glendale, CA

After growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area and graduating from the University of California, Berkeley in 2021, Sophia moved to New York City to work as an Urban Fellow at the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development. While there she supported the City Cleanup Corps, the COVID era jobs relief program for low-income New Yorkers, and helped create educational and vocational pathways for the program's participants. The latter half of her time at the Mayor's Office focused on researching methods to increase the density of worker-owned cooperatives in the City. Sophia then spent two years as a union organizer for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 32BJ where she helped residential building service workers unionize their workplaces. At Harvard, Sophia is Co-President of the Labor and Employment Action Project, a law school steward for the Harvard Graduate Students Union, and a Research Assistant at the Center for Labor and Just Economy. Last summer, Sophia was a Peggy Browning fellow at the United Auto Workers in Detroit.



## **AIDAN LINEAWEAVER, JD 2027**

*He/They*

Seattle University School of Law  
| Drivers Union of Washington,  
Tukwila, WA

Aidan Lineaweaver is a law student at Seattle University School of Law. Before law school, Aidan received his bachelor's degree from the University of Washington, majoring in Ethnic, Gender, and Labor Studies, studying the struggles of marginalized people in the United States. His passion for labor justice came honestly: through witnessing his disabled father trudge through workplace discrimination for twenty years until he was fired, his employer implicating his condition. All labor deserves dignity. And all workers should have the knowledge and means to ensure their workplaces are safe and sensitive to their humanity. His father's workplace conditions inspired Aidan to pursue labor-side legal advocacy, believing the law should be used reproductively, supporting the most vulnerable. Aidan is currently an executive editor for the Seattle Journal for Social Justice. Previously, he has served as treasurer for Seattle University School of Law's labor justice and reproductive rights student organizations and has provided legal services for detainees at the Northwest ICE Processing Center.



## **SAM LOVELL, JD 2028**

*He/Him*

University of Chicago Law School  
| Fusco Gallagher & Porcaro,  
Cleveland, OH

Descended from three generations of autoworkers, Sam is originally from Detroit, Michigan. Prior to law school, Sam studied Government and Economics at Georgetown University where he was employed as a Resident Assistant; in this role, he helped lead the creation of the first undergraduate labor union in the DMV alongside OPEIU, Local 153. At the University of Chicago, he volunteers with the Employment Law Clinic and serves as Co-President of the Labor and Employment Law Society. He has also interned at the National Labor Relations Board headquarters in Washington, D.C. Sam is thrilled to be in Cleveland, Ohio this summer working with Fusco Gallagher & Porcaro and expresses gratitude to the Peggy Browning Fund for this opportunity.



## **FRANNIE MACE, JD 2028**

*She/Her*

University of Minnesota Law School  
| Teamsters 117, Tukwila, WA

Frannie was raised in Portland, Oregon. She studied Political Science and Global Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she developed a strong interest in economic justice and the ways legal and institutional systems shape access to stable employment. After college, Frannie worked with refugees from the day they arrived in Lincoln, Nebraska, supporting them as they navigated complex employment situations, including barriers related to language access, job quality, and workplace rights. During law school, Frannie has continued this commitment through her union work, gathering data and building relationships as part of a TNC driver organizing committee. She is grateful for the opportunity to support Teamsters 117 through the Peggy Browning Fund as she pursues a career advancing workplace justice and dignity.



## JESSI MARLOW, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
Seattle University School of Law  
| Drivers Union of Washington,  
Tukwila, WA

Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, Jessi graduated from Pacific Lutheran University with a B.F.A. in Acting and Directing. After completing her undergraduate degree, she spent several years working in public service before deciding to pursue a career in law. At Seattle University, Jessi served as the Executive Research and Training Editor for the Seattle Journal for Social Justice. Jessi also worked as both a student advocate and a research assistant with the Seattle University Workers' Rights Clinic, assisting low-income workers with employment-related matters. In addition, she externed with the Northwest Workers' Justice Project, where she assisted in efforts to combat wage theft and workplace discrimination, primarily in the agricultural and construction industries. Jessi looks forward to spending her summer supporting app-based drivers with the Drivers Union of Washington and continuing her commitment to workplace justice.



## QUINN MCFEETERS, JD 2027

*He/Him*  
CUNY School of Law | CASA,  
Langley Park, MD

Quinn is a newcomer to the labor movement. Born in Silver Spring, Maryland, Quinn was raised by his mother, an artist and teacher, and by his father, a pilot and member of the Air Line Pilots Association. Quinn worked as a teacher before finding his way to a career in public interest law with the Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California as a bilingual housing counselor representing low-income, immigrant tenants vis-à-vis their landlords. As a 2L at CUNY Law School Quinn co-leads the CUNY Law Labor coalition, advocates for for-hire drivers with the inter-law school Taxi Worker Defense Collective, and works as a Staff Editor with the CUNY Law Review. Outside of work Quinn enjoys playing and watching soccer, making a hearty soup, and reading literary fiction. Quinn is honored and ecstatic to dedicate the summer to serving low-wage immigrant workers as the first Peggy Browning Fellow at CASA of Maryland.



## FRANCES MOORE, JD 2027

*She/Her*  
Georgetown University Law Center  
| New York State United Teachers  
(NYSUT), New York, NY

Frances is a law student at Georgetown University Law Center, where she is a Staff Editor for the Georgetown International Law Journal and a member of the Disability Law Student Association. Her commitment to advancing equity and democratic participation began as an undergraduate at the University of Florida, where she earned her B.A., cum laude, in Political Science with a minor in Japanese Language and Culture and studied abroad at Waseda University in Tokyo. Frances is deeply motivated by protecting civil rights and broadening access to public institutions. As an intern at the ACLU's Voting Rights Project, she supports litigation defending historically marginalized communities from barriers to the ballot and engages in research on election administration and voting access nationwide. She has also interned with Rising for Justice's Tenant Justice Program, assisting tenants facing eviction and unsafe housing conditions. Frances is honored to join the Peggy Browning Fellow community and looks forward to supporting educators and advancing workers' rights with New York State United Teachers.



## ABIGALE MORTENSEN, JD 2027

*She/Her, They/Them*  
Lewis & Clark Law School | Drivers  
Union of Washington, Tukwila, WA

Growing up in Oregon's Willamette Valley, Abbee began her career providing family support services across the Portland metro area, where she witnessed the diverse needs facing families first-hand. Motivated by a passion to use language to solve social problems, they studied applied linguistics, deepening her understanding of how communication can empower communities. They encountered the labor movement while working for a Head Start program, joining the Oregon School Employees Association and advocating alongside union members for improved rights for nonclassified school employees. Having supported families who are low wage workers, she is deeply aware of how vital collective bargaining is for economic justice and workplace dignity. In law school so far, they have worked as a law clerk for two different free civil legal service providers. She is honored to join the Drivers Union in Tukwila, Washington, to advocate for equal rights for gig workers who have faced significant barriers to accessing worker protections.



## **ALISA NAZAIRE, JD 2027**

*She/Her, They/Them*

Howard University School of Law |  
Legal Aid at Work, San Francisco, CA

Alisa is a proud Haitian American from South Florida. She attended Northwestern University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism. Before beginning law school, Alisa worked as an au pair in Vienna, Austria. While living with her employer, she experienced firsthand the complexities of balancing domestic work with the blurred boundaries of residing in the workplace. Through advocating for better treatment and working conditions for herself and other au pairs, she discovered a deep commitment to workers' rights. Alisa is motivated to advocate for all workers, particularly those who are most marginalized. Following her experience as a 2025 Peggy Browning Fellow at Justice at Work in Philadelphia, she is excited to build on that foundation and continue fighting for workplace justice. As a 2026 Peggy Browning Fellow, Alisa is honored to support workers' rights at Legal Aid at Work in San Francisco, California.



## **CALLAN O'CONNOR, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

University of California, Berkeley  
School of Law | Weinberg, Roger &  
Rosenfeld, Emeryville, CA

Callan was originally born in St. Paul, Minnesota, but grew up just outside of Portland, Oregon. After graduating from Macalester College, Callan worked at Refugees Northwest Foster Care, a social work program which specializes in placing Unaccompanied Refugee Minors in foster homes and supporting them in achieving their legal, economic, and personal goals. During her 1L year, Callan participated in UC Berkeley's Workers' Rights Clinic and spent her 1L summer working at East Bay Community Law Center's Immigration Clinic, where she assisted clients with USCIS adjustment of status applications. As a 2L, Callan interned at Region 32 of the NLRB and gained experience in the adjudication process of unfair labor practices. She is honored to be chosen as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer and to help advance the vital work of workers and unions at Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld.



## **EDGAR O'CONNELL, JD 2028**

*He/Him*

Yale Law School | Major League  
Baseball Players Association  
(MLBPA), New York, NY

As the son of a Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers member, Edgar appreciates the difference it makes when workers come together and fight for justice. Edgar came to law school determined to help build worker power. He is a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic at Yale Law School. He draws from his experience organizing with his coworkers while employed as a restaurant server at a hotel in Buffalo, New York. Having earned a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University, he is honored to have helped organize public sector workers in New York State, healthcare workers in Pennsylvania, and laborers in the Ohio Valley and Southern States region. Edgar has also served as an editor for the Yang-Tan Institute on Employment and Disability. He looks forward to working with MLBPA this summer.



## **WILLIAM OLSON, JD 2027**

*He/Him*

University of Minnesota Law School  
| National Treasury Employees  
Union (NTEU), Washington, DC

William is a second-year law student at the University of Minnesota Law School committed to pursuing economic justice through a career in labor law. William's interest in labor law began in undergrad, where he majored in Philosophy, Politics, and Law, and developed an interest in utilizing the law to pursue economic and racial justice. As a student at Minnesota Law, he has served as the Vice President of the Student Employment and Labor Law Association, and serves as a member of the Bargaining Team for the Law Student Labor Union as they continue to negotiate their first collective bargaining agreement. Now, William is more than excited to be working with the National Treasury Employees Union where he hopes to learn more about the unique challenges facing federal workers, and the important role federal unions play in strengthening democracy.



## ADAM OPÍN, JD 2027

*He/Him*

University of California, Berkeley  
School of Law | Service Employees  
International Union (SEIU),  
Washington, DC

Adam was first introduced to the life-changing power of unions and union-side litigation when his father's union won his family a wrongful termination settlement for thousands of workers illegally laid off by the state of Connecticut. Adam's commitment to union organizing was further influenced by his experience as a child laborer in a wood shop, as well as his experience organizing at the University of Connecticut, where he fought against austerity and for social and economic justice, culminating in his election to Mansfield, Connecticut's Planning and Zoning Commission. At Berkeley Law, Adam is a rank-and-file member of UAW 4811, represented low-income clients through the Workers' Rights Clinic, and edited employment and labor law scholarship as the Production Editor of the Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law. After working at a local labor law firm in Connecticut last summer, Adam is excited to fight for workers this summer at SEIU.



## JOHN PARASKEVOPOULOS, JD 2027

*He/Him*

CUNY School of Law | Hayes Dolce,  
LLP, Buffalo, NY

John was born and raised in northern California where he was profoundly agitated by growing income inequality and became passionate about housing justice, the political economy, and worker's rights. He moved to New York in 2017 on his bicycle where he worked at the New York Civil Liberties Union as a paralegal and as a legislative director in the New York State Assembly, writing policy and organizing campaigns around corporate transparency, worker's rights, environmental justice, social housing, and correctional reform. While an organizer, he has helped organize tenants and workers and frequently works on successful electoral campaigns but struggles to assemble a trivia team. As a student at CUNY Law he participates in the Law and Political Economy Collective, the Taxi Workers Defense Collective, and the law review, and previously interned at Appellate Advocates. As a lawyer he hopes to help working people and unions build scalable and durable collective power.



## CESAR JORGE PLASCENCIA, JD 2027

*He/Him*

University of Minnesota Law School  
| United Steelworkers (USW),  
Pittsburgh, PA

Originally from Southern California, Cesar is a second-year law student at the University of Minnesota Law School. He holds a BA in History & Political Science from San Francisco State University. There, he committed himself to the labor movement after studying the 2012 Chicago Teachers' Strike. After earning an MA in Education Policy from Teachers College, Columbia University, Cesar taught 11th grade humanities at a public school in Oakland, California, helping to organize his coworkers during the 2023 Oakland Teachers' Strike. Since starting law school, Cesar has worked at the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General, and the Communications Workers of America. He also spent his 1L summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow with United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America. Now, Cesar is honored to be selected as a Peggy Browning Fellow with United Steelworkers, and—considering the weight of the current historical moment—cannot wait to return to Pittsburgh and get started.



## DELIA PLESS, JD 2027

*She/Her*

Chicago-Kent College of Law |  
Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld,  
Emeryville, CA

Delia decided to pursue a career in labor law after her union, CFAC (Columbia College Faculty Union) Local 6602 (IFT-AFT/AFL-CIO), fought the longest adjunct faculty strike in history in 2023. A rising 3L at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Delia is currently a clerk for the Chicago Teachers Union and an intern her school's the Employment and Civil Litigation Clinic, where she recently delivered the opening statement in a federal sex discrimination trial. Over her 1L summer, Delia interned with the Employment Team at Legal Aid Chicago. Delia holds a BA from New York University and an MFA in poetry from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She enjoys cooking, rock climbing, and watching a healthy mix of haute cinema and glorious trash movies with her partner and their two cats.



## KATARYNA RESTREPO, JD 2027

*She/Her*  
Fordham University School of Law |  
Pitta LLP, New York, NY

Kataryna is a rising 2L with a background in labor organizing and workers' rights advocacy. She graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations, where she was president of her United Students Against Sweatshops local, The Peoples Organizing Collective. Last summer, she worked with the Employment Law Project at the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), assisting predominantly undocumented workers in wage theft and sexual harassment claims. Prior to law school, she organized with Workers United and the California Nurses Association, helping organize Starbucks workers and supporting broader campaigns for workplace justice in the healthcare and service sector. She is also the Cooper Walsh Colloquium Editor for the Fordham Urban Law Journal, where she hopes to focus part of the symposium on workers' rights to free speech.



## ELLERY RHODES, JD 2027

*He/Him, They/Them*  
Saint Louis University School of  
Law | United Food & Commercial  
Workers International Union (UFCW),  
Washington, DC

Ellery, a native New Yorker, proudly followed his mother and grandmother's example, becoming a third-generation union member by joining IATSE. As a union member, Ellery helped change his local chapter's problematic harassment reporting policy and, through his work in the LGBTQ+ Committee, contributed to IATSE's shift towards full recognition and support for their LGBTQ+ members. Now at SLU Law, Ellery is pursuing an Employment Law concentration and a graduate minor in Women's and Gender Studies with hopes to give back to his community. He was a 2024 HSF Scholar, received a Peggy Browning Fund's Workers' Rights Conference Scholarship in 2024 and 2025, and is a SLU Law Dean's Scholar. He serves as president of SLU's Employment Law Association, vice-president of OUTLaws, and the unofficial "employment law expert" admissions ambassador. Ellery is eager to hone his passion for labor rights this summer at UFCW's Headquarters in the nation's capital.



## SYDNEY ROACH, JD 2028

*She/Her*  
NYU School of Law | National  
Treasury Employees Union (NTEU),  
Washington, DC

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, Sydney graduated from Brown University in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in anthropology. After college, she worked as a research analyst at a nonprofit social policy research firm called MDRC, studying primarily early childhood policy. While at MDRC, Sydney got involved with its newly formed union, Social Policy Workers United, as a bargaining committee member and shop steward. After fighting alongside her colleagues at the bargaining table and on the picket line and eventually seeing firsthand the impact of a strong contract, Sydney decided to pursue a career in labor law. She hopes to spend her legal career helping to protect the rights of workers to organize for fair pay and workforce protections. Sydney is thrilled to begin learning more about labor law as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the National Treasury Employees Union this summer.



## ROBERT ROBINSON, JD 2027

*He/Him*  
University of Chicago Law School |  
United Mine Workers, Triangle, VA

Robert graduated from Indiana University in 2022 with a Bachelor's degree in philosophy with minors and mathematics and history. After graduating he spent a year as an AmeriCorps State and National volunteer, teaching reading to elementary school students on the low-income East side of Austin, Texas. Almost all of the students could not read at grade level, and still couldn't by the end of the year. The school was under-resourced and did not have enough money to adequately catch them up to where they ought to have been. This got him interested in income inequality and labor law as a means to address it. In addition to this fellowship Robert has interned at the Federal Defender for the Middle District of Alabama and the Cook County Public Defender's Office.



## MARCO SANCHEZ, JD 2028

*Any*  
CUNY School of Law | Drivers Union  
of Washington | Tukwila, WA

Marco is a first-generation college graduate and current 1L. He volunteers by representing NYC taxi drivers at city agency hearings after alleged traffic violations. Before law school, Marco was an organizer for SEIU and worked in healthcare to empower rank and file members. As an undergraduate at The University of Chicago, Marco cofounded a legal aid nonprofit that triaged custodial cases and referred Chicago parents to accessible legal services. Now, as a Peggy Browning Fellow for the Drivers Union, he is excited to fight for workers' rights this summer. In light of concerns regarding the success of trans lawyers, Marco believes that class struggle is a galvanizing shared experience that renders solidarity into a necessity. As an Arkansan with immigrant parents, Marco has always connected with people that have held different beliefs. In the future, Marco aims to represent worker-led collective actions regardless of union status, existence of the NLRA, and any efforts to silence the workers of the world.



## DEVIN SCHIFF, JD 2028

*He/Him*  
Boston University School of Law  
| New York State United Teachers  
(NYSUT), Albany / Latham, NY

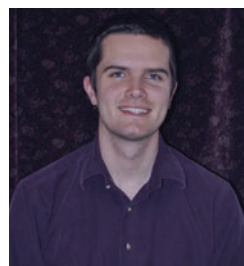
Devin received his undergraduate degree from Vassar College and came to law school by way of Chicago. Prior to law school, he worked as a writer and editor at the satire publication The Onion, often highlighting workplace issues. In 2018, he co-led a successful organizing drive at Onion Inc., whose workers unionized under the Writers Guild of America, East. He served on negotiating committees for two collective bargaining agreements and became a shop steward to protect his fellow members' workplace rights. Active in the Chicago labor movement, he covered the 2019 Chicago Teachers Union strike for Jacobin. Devin is grateful for the opportunity to represent the education workers of New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer.



## GEOFFREY SHAMAH, JD 2027

*He/Him*  
New York Law School | Spivak  
Lipton LLP, New York, NY

Geoffrey is a New York Law School student and recipient of the Wilf Public Interest Scholarship. He is a graduate of CUNY Baruch College, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs. Geoffrey is deeply committed to advancing workers' justice. Prior to law school, he worked at New Immigrant Community Empowerment supporting immigrant workers in reclaiming stolen wages and leading Know Your Rights trainings. As an elected Union Delegate, he gained hands-on experience in collective advocacy, negotiation, and dispute resolution. Fluent in Spanish, Geoffrey brings a worker-centered and accessible approach to legal advocacy. After his 1L year, Geoffrey interned with the National Labor Relations Board, assisting in the enforcement of the National Labor Relations Act through investigations into unfair labor practices. During his 2L spring, he will serve as a law clerk at Cohen, Weiss and Simon before joining Spivak, Lipton, LLP as a Peggy Browning Fellow in the summer.



## AUSTIN SMITH, JD 2027

*He/Him*  
The University of Chicago Law  
School | United Steelworkers (USW),  
Pittsburgh, PA

Austin grew up in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He attended Deep Springs College and Duke University for undergrad, studying English and Philosophy. After graduating, he worked as a backpacking guide for the Anasazi Foundation and as a substitute teacher in Philadelphia. He is currently a 2L at the University of Chicago Law School, where he serves as an area steward in the Graduate Students Union. He has a forthcoming essay titled "NLRA Protections for AI-Driven Layoffs?" that will be published in the University of Chicago Law Review Online. For his 1L summer, Austin worked on the farmworker team at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. This experience redoubled his commitment to the labor movement and impressed more deeply upon him the perils faced by immigrant workers in the United States. The labor movement can and shall grow to include new workers from new industries and new locations in the coming years, and he wants to contribute his energies to the effort.



## **SARA SPRAGUE, JD 2028**

*She/Her*

University of Washington School of Law | Streepy Lemonidis Consulting & Law Group & UFCW 3000, Seattle, WA

Sara grew up in Puyallup, Washington, and developed an early interest in workers' rights while working in food service and retail. This inspired her Labor Studies minor at the University of Washington. Sara went on to work as a Research Assistant for the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, notably contributing to a report examining how student employment affects academic experience, financial stability, and students' knowledge of their workplace rights. Her understanding of solidarity and collective action was further shaped by her membership in UAW 4121 and involvement in their 2023 strike. Last year, Sara experienced employment insecurity firsthand when the Department of Government Efficiency abruptly terminated funding for her AmeriCorps position, reinforcing her commitment to strengthening worker protections and safety nets. Sara is a first year at UW Law, and member of the Students for Labor and Employment Justice board.



## **KAITLYN STEINHISER, JD 2028**

*She/Her*

University of Wisconsin Law School | The Previant Law Firm, S.C., Milwaukee, WI

A proud daughter of a second-generation USW member and granddaughter of an IBEW member, Kaitlyn grew up in Michigan City, Indiana. Committed to advancing the safe, fair, and fulfilling work that allowed her family to thrive, she earned her B.A. in Political Science and Communications from Valparaiso University. Kaitlyn interned with the Brookings Institution, where she contributed to a report on reskilling low-wage workers. She then spent nearly two years as a workforce development policy consultant. Kaitlyn most recently served as Director of Policy for Indiana's Department of Workforce Development, where she issued statewide policies to improve employment services. She is pursuing her law degree at the University of Wisconsin and was elected 1L Representative for the Labor and Employment Student Association. Kaitlyn also volunteers with Wisconsin's Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic. She is thrilled to work alongside and learn from the attorneys at The Previant Law Firm, S.C. this summer.



## **ISADORA STERN, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

University of California, Irvine School of Law | Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld, Emeryville, CA

Isadora is a rising 3L at UC Irvine School of Law, where she co-leads the Consumer Law Organization and the National Lawyers Guild Chapter at UCI and serves on the Labor and Work Law Society board. She has logged over 200 pro bono hours supporting union clients with Unfair Practice Charges and assisting in collective bargaining efforts. Last summer, she clerked with the Public Law Center's Health Law Unit in Santa Ana, providing direct legal services to low-income and marginalized clients navigating access to care. Before law school, Isadora spent five years as a policy advocate leading campaigns on tenant protections, auto insurance reform, and community reinvestment, and got her start in labor organizing with UNITE HERE Local 2850 in Oakland. She holds a BA with Honors in Political Science from Goucher College. In her free time, she enjoys backpacking in the Sierra Nevada, learning Spanish, and textile art.



## **LIZ STONE, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

CUNY School of Law | Leonard Carder LLP, Oakland, CA

Liz is a second-year student at CUNY School of Law. She started organizing through the Emergency Workplace Organizing Committee in New York City. Working in food service, volunteering in public benefits, and organizing with independent union campaigns, she solidified her love for the labor movement. She then became a paralegal under a unionized workplace where she could really pursue her interests in economic justice and experience being a rank-and-file union delegate. Now, Liz is merging her two skillsets, labor organizing and legal advocacy, through her work as a law student. She is excited to apply the legal tools she has learned to provide meaningful, tangible change for workers with Leonard Carder LLP this summer.



## **MIA STONE-MOLLOY, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Harvard Law School | Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Washington, DC

Mia grew up in Los Angeles, California before getting her bachelor's degree from Brown University in Economics and Political Science. After graduating, she was based in Washington, D.C. as a union organizer for United Food and Commercial Workers. She independently handled campaigns in industries from healthcare to grocery delivery, as well as working collaboratively on a national campaign. She also worked on her poetry, having several pieces published in "An Encyclopedia of Radical Helping," such as "Deep Organizing," "The Commons," and "Professionalism without Performance." She now attends Harvard Law School, where she is in the Wage & Hour practice of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, acts as the education chair of the National Lawyers' Guild chapter, and is deeply involved in student activism. After a wonderful experience at Solidarity Law last summer, she is thrilled to deepen her understanding of labor law and movement lawyering at SEIU.

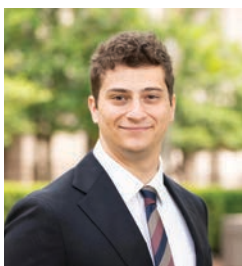


## **EVIE SUNSHINE, JD 2028**

*They/She/He*

Fordham University School of Law | Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Washington, DC

Evie grew up in Long Island, New York, where they began engaging in LGBTQ+ activism as a transgender youth. They graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations. Originally interested in pursuing a career in international queer policy, Evie pivoted to labor law after organizing their workplace at Starbucks, where they learned in real time about unfair labor practices and their effects on queer workers. They acted as a rank-and-file organizer for Starbucks Workers United for four years, facilitating its Trans Rights Action Committee. In law school, Evie is a Stein Scholar in Public Interest Law and Ethics. They are also a board member for the Fordham National Lawyers Guild, the Labor and Employment Law Society, and Advocates for Trans\* Law Students. Evie is grateful for the opportunity to perform meaningful work supporting organizers and workers this summer with the Service Employees International Union.



## **MATTY TEMPLETON, JD 2027**

*He/Him*

NYU School of Law | TakeRoot Justice, New York, NY

Matty is a second-year law student and Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar at NYU School of Law. He first became involved in labor organizing during college when he volunteered with Workers' Dignity/Dignidad Obrera, an immigrant workers' center in Nashville. After graduating, he worked at the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee in their Eviction Right to Counsel program. At NYU, he is co-chair of the Coalition for Labor Action by Workers and Students, a board member of Law Students for Economic Justice and Southern Justice Advocates, and has served as a law and organizing extern at Make the Road and a student advocate in the Critical Race Lawyering Civil Rights Clinic. He spent last summer at the ACLU's Racial Justice Program, where he assisted in lawsuits challenging anti-DEI executive orders and funding cuts. He is incredibly excited to be spending this summer supporting worker centers at TakeRoot Justice.

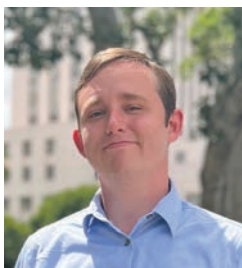


## **KAARTHIKA THAKKER, JD 2028**

*She/Her*

University of California, Berkeley School of Law | United Auto Workers, International Union (UAW), Detroit, MI

At Berkeley, Kaarthika is a proud member of UAW 4811's Contract Action Team, co-leads the union orientation program, and provides pro-bono legal support for the Association for Union Democracy, National Lawyers Guild's Independent Organizing Network, and Innovation Law Lab. Before law school, she was the Communication Director for Assembly Member Zohran Mamdani and provided communications support for the New York Taxi Workers Alliance, New York Nail Salon Coalition, and the Georgia AFL-CIO Labor Votes program. As co-chair of the New York City Democratic Socialists of America, she co-led solidarity efforts for the Amazon Teamsters strike and dozens of other labor actions. She received her B.S. in Computer Science and became involved in the tech worker labor movement as an organizer at OPEIU, Local 1010, a core planner of the Labor Notes' tech organizing conference, and researching tech worker organizing against layoffs (forthcoming publication).



## CHANCE TOLAND-WILSON, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Harvard Law School | United Auto Workers, International Union (UAW), Detroit, MI

Chance is proud to continue a family tradition of trade unionism that stretches back a century in Philadelphia. He served several roles in the office and administration of Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney after graduating from Temple University, including in the Mayor's Office of Labor. He then worked for union-backed campaigns and elected officials in five states, and helped organize staff unions on multiple campaigns. Most recently, he worked as a Legislative Assistant in the Philadelphia City Council. Chance is a member of HGSU-UAW and a rising third-year law student. He is also a former Co-President of the Labor and Employment Action Project and a member of the Harvard Law & Policy Review. In his free time, he enjoys staying involved in local politics and alpine environments.



## EMMA TUCKER, JD 2028

*She/Her*

Duke Law School | The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Washington, DC

Emma grew up in rural North Carolina and became involved in the labor movement as an undergraduate organizer with the Student Workers of Columbia (SWC) during the union's historic 10-week strike. She later joined the United Auto Workers as a staff organizer in Region 9A (New York City), where she continued organizing with SWC, led higher education workers' rights training, and helped run a highly successful card drive. Building on that experience, she served on the organizing committee for the Columbia Resident Advisors' Union (CURA). Emma graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in Economics and is now a student at Duke Law School, where she is a 1L representative for the Duke Labor and Workers' Rights Alliance. She is proud to serve as a Peggy Browning Fund Fellow with AFSCME and to continue her commitment to advancing worker justice.



## KATHRYN VANIER, JD 2028

*She/Her, They/Them*

University of Pittsburgh School of Law | United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, Pittsburgh, PA

Kathryn Vanier is a rising 2L at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and a lifelong advocate for labor. A magna cum laude graduate of Washington & Jefferson College, Kate holds bachelor's degrees in Philosophy and French. Kate began her career at AFSCME Council 13, organizing educational events for public sector workers. After transitioning to the legal field, she provided paralegal services for firms including Public Employees Legal, LLP and Wohlner Kaplon Cutler Halford Rosenfeld & Levy, fighting for fair contracts for city employees and protecting healthcare and pension benefits. She looks forward to spending her summer with the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, and will also be assisting with editing a contracts textbook. After graduation, Kate aims to pursue a career in union-side labor law. When she's not too tired from raging against the machine, she loves to hike national parks with her spouse.



## ISAAC VELEZ, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Duke Law School | Cohen, Weiss and Simon LLP, New York, NY

Isaac is a law student at Duke University School of Law whose professional and academic work reflects his commitment to advancing the interests of working-class families through law and policy. He holds a Master of Public Policy and a Bachelor of Science in Public Policy from Rutgers University. Before law school, Isaac served as a Health Policy Aide to Senator Bernie Sanders during the Senator's Chairmanship of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, where his favorite contribution was helping organize a Committee hearing for striking nurses to advance safe nurse-patient ratios. In law school, Isaac serves as President of the Duke Law Democrats, a legal volunteer for the Democratic National Committee, and a legal intern for the Law Offices of Julie R. Ulmet, focusing on plaintiff-side employment discrimination matters. Last summer, Isaac was a Peggy Browning Fellow at the Laborers' International Union of North America Eastern Region, where he helped organize workers against labor abuses in the construction sector, providing legal and policy support. Isaac is thrilled to return as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Cohen, Weiss and Simon LLP.



## **SAMIR VENKATESH, JD 2027**

*He/Him*

University of California, Irvine  
School of Law | Bush Gottlieb,  
Glendale (Los Angeles), CA

Samir grew up in the Bay Area and in Ventura County, California. He attended the University of Chicago where he studied physics and sociology. After college, he worked at a startup which was building a software platform for the American Cancer Society. However, during this time he began to get more interested in labor politics after being exposed to the horrific working conditions of gig workers. He decided to move to work at Interface Children and Family services on their team which was combating labor trafficking and providing services to survivors. This work confirmed that labor issues were what he was passionate about which led him to law school (UCI). In law school, through the Workers and Tenants Law and Organizing Clinic, he has been able to work directly with clients and unions on the frontlines of the changing economy. He has also been working with UniteHere Local 11 (probono). All of this work has reaffirmed his commitment to the labor movement and a career representing workers through the law.



## **SAM WALSH, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

New York Law School | Levy Ratner  
P.C., New York, NY

Sam was born into a proud union family that raised her on the picket line and inspired her lifelong commitment to the labor movement. She began her career with UFCW Local 1500, where she worked on policy/political engagement, before joining the New York State Senate. As Legislative Director for the Chair of Labor, Sam collaborated closely with unions and rank-and-file members to craft and pass transformative legislation. Her work has advanced protections against wage theft, expanded childcare access, regulated unsafe workplaces, raised and indexed the minimum wage, strengthened workers' compensation, and banned captive audience meetings. Currently a 2L at New York Law School, she serves as President of the Employment and Labor Law Students Association and VP of the Unemployment Action Center. Sam is dedicated to continuing her work with labor, reshaping and improving the labor movement landscape to enhance critical worker protections and social safety nets.



## **LARA WEINBERG, JD 2028**

*She/Her*

Harvard Law School | International  
Union of Bricklayers and Allied  
Craftworkers, Washington, DC

Lara grew up in Long Island, New York before studying Public Policy and History at the University of Virginia. There, she gained experience in both labor organizing and direct legal services. As a student at Harvard Law School, she helps lead the Labor and Employment Action Project and National Lawyers Guild. She also serves as a grievance officer for the Harvard Graduate Student Union and a research assistant for the Center for Labor and a Just Economy. Having worked for years in food service, Lara strongly believes in labor law as a transformative tool for economic justice. She is excited to grow as an advocate in the labor movement and contribute to the important work of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## **SYDNEY WHITT, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Florida State University College of  
Law | Hayes Dolce, LLP, Buffalo, NY

Sydney is a 2L at Florida State University College of Law. Raised as the child of parents working in international government, Sydney grew up in global contexts where she witnessed labor systems, worker protections, and inequality across countries. Sydney graduated from Florida State University. She put herself through school by working a variety of service and retail positions, experiencing firsthand how low wages, instability, and power imbalances intersect with human rights. In law school, Sydney has pursued public-interest advocacy through a three-month fellowship with the Cambodian Human Rights Action Coalition, where she worked in Phnom Penh to address labor exploitation in transnational contexts, and through post-conviction work with the Federal Public Defender Capital Habeas Unit. She also is founding vice president of the FSU chapter of National Lawyer's Guild. This summer, Sydney is excited to learn from established advocates and continue her journey towards a career in labor advocacy.



## JASON WU, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Georgetown University Law Center  
| O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP,  
Washington, DC

Jason is a 2L at Georgetown Law. Originally from upstate New York, he developed a passion for workers' rights as a student at Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, where coursework exposed the rift in economic power between workers and employers and the role lawyers can play in closing that rift. At Georgetown, he has channeled his passion for worker advocacy into becoming a founding member of the school's Labor and Employment Law Society, and a staff editor on the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy, where he has written on employment law developments under the Trump Administration, and organized a panel on issues facing migrant workers. Last summer, Jason served as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Scholnick Thorne Holland in Seattle, Washington, gaining invaluable experience and meeting an inspirational cohort of Fellows in Seattle. He is honored and excited to be returning as a PBF fellow at O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue.



## KATIE YODER, JD 2028

*She/Her*

University of Pittsburgh School of  
Law | Justice at Work, Pittsburgh,  
PA

Katie is a first-year law student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. At Pitt Law, she is involved in the Incarcerated Persons Legal Support Project and the Philanthropy Committee of the Pitt Law Women's Association. Prior to law school, Katie studied Political Science, Spanish Language, and Art at Bridgewater College in the Shenandoah Valley. After graduating from college, she worked as a case manager for the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program, which assisted court-appointed clients through education and rehabilitation following DUI convictions. Through this experience, she was exposed to the systemic burdens of generational poverty and substance abuse in rural Appalachia, particularly among low-wage workers. Katie is honored to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and looks forward to working as a summer intern at Justice at Work, where she will advocate for low-wage workers in Pittsburgh, PA.



## QUIN ZAPOLI, JD 2028

*He/Him*

University of Michigan Law School |  
McKnight Canzano Smith Radtke &  
Brault, Berkley, MI

Quin was raised in Madison Heights, Michigan, and earned a B.A. in Public Policy from the University of Michigan. In college, he studied economic policy and took a particular interest in how the decline in unionization increased income inequality and worker dissatisfaction. In 2025, Quin led his Troy, Michigan Starbucks location to a successful 12-0 unionization vote, and later organized a walk-out in response to unfair labor practices. Since starting at the University of Michigan Law School, Quin has joined the Michigan Immigration and Labor Law Association and the Michigan Plaintiff Law Association. Quin is excited to spend his summer supporting workers in Metro Detroit as a Peggy Browning Fellow at McKnight, Canzano, Smith, Radtke, & Brault, P.C.

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**THE MISSION OF THE PEGGY BROWNING FUND IS TO EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORKPLACE JUSTICE ADVOCATES**

## WHY WE FIGHT

The massive social, economic, and political influence of corporations disenfranchises workers as individuals.

## OUR FOCUS OF CHANGE

Law Students

## OUR STRATEGIES

**Inspire** the next generation of legal scholars to join the fight for workplace justice.

**Educate** law students on current and future workplace justice issues and the ways lawyers can uplift American workers and labor unions.

**Connect** law students to each other and to the larger labor movement, including lawyers who represent workers, labor unions, and economic justice organizations.

## OUR ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

The **next generation of labor lawyers will be ready and able** to take on the fight for workplace justice.

Law students will be able to pursue legal careers in workplace justice with **fewer economic and systemic barriers**.

Labor lawyers will **build collective movement power** through intentional networks.

Unions and workplace justice organizations will have an **increased pool of dedicated, committed change makers**.

The workers' rights movement will have **wider representation across historically excluded populations**.

## OUR VALUES

### COLLECTIVE ACTION

Sustainable progress is best accomplished by people working together to achieve common goals.

### DIVERSITY

Workplace justice is an intersectional movement. It is necessary to embrace voices from a range of different social, racial and ethnic backgrounds, gender and sexual orientations, ages, geographies, life experiences, economic backgrounds, etc.

### EQUITY

All efforts toward workplace justice must be rooted in the knowledge that current and historical factors have created unequal circumstances throughout America.

### EDUCATION

Everyone deserves access to high quality education that empowers them to become agents for social progress.

### DIGNITY

All people inherently deserve to be treated fairly and respectfully.

### JUSTICE

All people deserve equal treatment under the law, in their workplace, and in American society.



# LABOR NEEDS LAWYERS

The mission of the Peggy Browning Fund is to empower the next generation of labor advocates. After 25 years of service, we have over 1,500 alumni working on some of the most pressing labor issues of our time. From our inaugural class of 10 Fellows in 1997, we have been able to grow our program and award more opportunities year after year. With a nation-wide network of the premier labor and employment law firms, unions, and other organizations, Peggy Browning Fund connects interested and dedicated students straight to real-world training and the labor movement.

The Peggy Browning Fellowship Program provides stipends to law students who dedicate their summer to advancing the cause of workers' rights by working for labor unions, worker centers, labor-related not-for-profit organizations, union-side law firms and other nonprofit organizations. It is a ten-week summer fellowship and is available to 1L, 2L, and 3E law students.

## ESSENTIAL DETAILS

**WHEN: MINIMUM 10-WEEK LONG FELLOWSHIPS\***

**PAY: MINIMUM \$700/WEEK STIPEND, PLUS ASSOCIATED PROGRAM FEES PER FELLOW\*\***

**WHERE: UNIONS, UNION-SIDE LAW FIRMS, WORKPLACE JUSTICE NONPROFITS**

\* Summer Fellowships may be extended beyond 10-weeks where agreed on by the student.

\*\* Minimum stipend of \$7,000 is required but organizations can supplement beyond this amount.

# HOW TO BECOME A PBF MENTOR ORGANIZATION

## MENTOR ORGANIZATIONS

PBF Fellowships are educational opportunities that introduce current law students to the practice and community of workplace justice advocacy. As such, all Mentor Organizations must, under professional supervision by at least one qualified attorney, provide their Peggy Browning Fellow(s) with varied work assignments that expose them to as wide a variety of legal and advocacy work as possible, consistent with the mission of the Mentor Organization.

## HOW TO APPLY TO BECOME A PBF MENTOR ORGANIZATION

Interested organizations can contact the PBF Team at [Info@PeggyBrowningFund.org](mailto:Info@PeggyBrowningFund.org) and a PBF Team member will schedule a follow up conversation to discuss how the organization's mission, intended fellowship activities, and supervision are consistent with PBF's workplace justice goals. The organization's application will then be presented to the PBF Mentor Selection Committee to confirm or deny the application, or ask for further information. While this might sound like a lot, the process generally only takes a few weeks, and can be as quick as a few days.

Once an organization is accepted as a PBF Mentor, they will be asked to complete a "PBF Mentor Organization Form" covering the Fellowship description, Fellowship stipend (total, weekly, or hourly), Supervisor(s) names and contact information, who applicants should address in their cover letters to, and any applicant prerequisites.

Returning Mentor Organizations will be asked to review and update their contact information and listing.

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students apply through the PBF Fellowship Application Form on the PBF website, and a copy of their materials goes to both PBF and the Mentor Organization. Mentor Organizations decide individually when they want to start interviewing - that could be right when they receive the application, closer to the application deadline, or even after applications close. Mentor Organizations are provided a spreadsheet where they can review the status of all applicants, updated daily throughout the application period.

## APPLICANT PREREQUISITES

PBF Mentor Organizations may highlight specific experience requirements where those requirements apply directly to Fellowship activities. This may include: required in-office hours, language requirements or preferences, completion or enrollment in a labor law or employment law class, or current status as a second-year or third-year (evening) law student. These requirements should be listed in the Fellowship description.

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# 2026

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Over nearly 30 years, the Peggy Browning Fund community has built an incredible foundation for the future of workplace justice lawyering. We can't wait to see what you can achieve in the next 30 years. **JOIN OUR LEADERSHIP CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP BY CONTACTING PBF'S DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, ANGELA ROGENSUES, [AROGENSUES@PEGGYBROWNINGFUND.ORG](mailto:AROGENSUES@PEGGYBROWNINGFUND.ORG).**

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