



Educating Law Students on the Rights and Needs of Workers

Meet Our 2022 Fellows



We are thrilled to announce our 2022 Peggy Browning Fellows! Each year hundreds of students apply to join our network of legal advocates for workplace justice. This year we connected over 100 law students to dynamic, challenging, meaningful positions at unions, union-side law firms, and worker justice centers across the country. Our fellows will be working on some of the most relevant and exciting labor battles of our time, and they are more than up to the task. Time and time again, our mentor organizations commented on the incredible quality and talent of their applicant pool. Several accepted more applicants than planned!

This is a historic moment for the labor movement. The challenges are vast, but opportunities abound and the spirit of solidarity is strong. More law students see labor law as a viable and appealing career path, and our ever-expanding group of mentors are deeply invested in ensuring the long term strength of the movement.

The last two years of the pandemic brought unique challenges that provided powerful lessons in how we work and learn. We succeeded in running our programs remotely, but are very happy that this year many of our fellows will finally connect face-to-face in their fellowships and at our national conference.

I am so inspired by this phenomenal cohort of Peggy Browning Fellows, and I know you will be rewarded by learning about them yourself. The future of the labor movement is in good hands.

In Solidarity, Rachel Del Rossi, executive director

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

2022 Peggy Browning Summer Fellows



Arianna Adirim-Lanza JD'24

American University Washington College of Law Washington, DC National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA) Washington, DC

Arianna was born in Washington, DC and raised in Montgomery County, Maryland. She studied International Relations with a concentration in Environment and Development at Boston University. Throughout college she volunteered as an ESL tutor with UNITE HERE Local 26 members in the hospitality and food services industries in Boston. She has experience in advocacy, communications and research at nonprofits and in local government. Her father is a member of the National Treasury Employees Union and grandmother was a member of the Communications Workers of America. Arianna is excited to contribute to critical legislative advocacy work this summer.



Sadiyah Ahmad JD '24

DePaul University College of Law Chicago, IL Drivers Union WA, Teamsters Local 117 Tukwila, WA

From Atlanta. GA. Sadiyah studied Public Management and Policy with a concentration in Nonprofit Leadership. After graduation, she did policy advocacy work for a local AAPI organization where she advocated against anti-immigrant policies. Sadiyah then became a barista, which piqued her interest in the labor movement, specifically with service industry workers. Once COVID hit, she shifted into grassroots communications and digital organizing. She mobilized Georgia's AAPI community to be civically engaged in the 2020 Election and 2021 Senate Runoffs. Now, Sadiyah hopes to support immigrant and low wage workers. She will be the first lawyer in her family.



Xhoana Ahmeti 👘 JD '23

City University of New York School of Law Long Island City, NY Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Washington, DC

Currently a second-year law student, Xhoana has a fierce commitment to workers' rights advocacy and union organizing. They are a student member of the CUNY Law Labor Coalition and a trained Legal Observer through the NYC National Lawyers Guild. Prior to law school, Xhoana worked on fast food worker organizing campaigns with SEIU32BJ and Fast Food Justice and earned a graduate degree from the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies. Xhoana has witnessed the victories that workers can accomplish when they come together - wage increases, fair scheduling laws, paid sick leave, and just cause protections. These experiences inspired them to seek legal training and practice law to further economic justice for low-wage workers in the service industry.



Camilla Schaaff Allison JD '23

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

Camilla is a full-custody single parent who worked in the foodservice and coffee industry for five years before beginning her law education. She was involved in labor organization efforts throughout. The challenges Camilla faced, with unpaid maternity leave, expensive childcare, lack of fair scheduling practices and absence of vital benefits such as sick leave, led her to pursue a career in employee advocacy. During her first summer clerking at a reproductive justice nonprofit, Camilla organized community support for a statewide paid family and medical leave act. She is proud of her home state being the first to invalidate agricultural exemptions in a workers' compensation statute on constitutional grounds. She looks forward to her Summer Fellowship to bring agriculture and ranch workers under state wage protection laws.

Angela Altieri

Pittsburgh, PA



Mustafa Alemi 👘 JD '24

University of Washington School of Law Seattle, WA Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Washington, DC

A former Fulbright scholar and Congressional staffer, Mustafa is currently a William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholar and passionate advocate for labor justice. Prior to law school, he served on a congressional policy team, working on foreign policy and labor issues to advance the interests of Michigan's 13th Congressional District and working-class Americans everywhere. Mustafa received his bachelor's degree *summa cum laude* from San Diego State University, where he was president of Students for Justice in Palestine and a UCLA Law Fellow. As the son of Afghan refugees, he intends on utilizing his legal education to protect society's most vulnerable and fight for progressive reform. When he is not studying or writing, Mustafa enjoys playing the rabab, drinking sheer chai, and watching *Seinfeld*.



American University Washington College of Law Washington, DC United Steelworkers

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Born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA surrounded by family members active in unions, Angela's earliest memory is of attending a union protest. She knew from an early age that she was passionate about workers' rights. In high school, she was an active member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. After her undergraduate years in public relations and advertising, Angela realized her passion for workers' rights was best suited for a career in labor law. In law school, she continues to advocate for workers' rights as secretary and social media chair of the school's Labor and Employment Law Society and the Graduate Student Workers' Union. Angela is excited to return to her roots and continue through hands-on experience with the United Steelworkers this summer.



Sierra Alvernaz JD '23

University of Oregon School of Law Eugene, OR Northwest Workers' Justice Project Portland, OR



Grace Anzalone JD '23

Tulane University Law School New Orleans, LA Murphy Anderson PLLC Washington, DC

Although Sierra is the daughter of two union educators, her interest in employment and labor law began after she worked in the Oregon Legislature. By meeting with working Oregonians and their advocates who pushed for unionization and better working conditions, Sierra was inspired to pursue a career where she could work to achieve more safe and equitable workplaces for all. Sierra's work at a small workers' compensation firm also helped her recognize the value that legal services can play in the lives of workers. She looks forward to working this summer to continue pursuing her dream of fighting for a better future for all working people.

For five years prior to law school, Grace worked as a client advocate at the Orleans Public Defenders office, representing children charged as adults in Criminal Court. She also interned with the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia. This work emphasized how the lack of economic opportunity fuels the mechanisms of mass incarceration and racism in the criminal justice system. Grace then became involved in community outreach for several local progressive judicial candidates, and began law school. Following her first semester, Grace joined a union-led door knocking campaign with UNITE HERE in Atlanta, in support of the Democratic Senate candidates there. This experience solidified her commitment to the labor movement and her belief in its capacity to augment both individual and collective power for working class people.



Marcus Andrews JD '23

Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Columbus, OH O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP Washington, DC

A lifelong Buckeye and the son of a kindergarten teacher, Marcus learned early to appreciate the importance of public service and the power of a union. During his undergraduate years, he studied Political Science and International Relations. After graduation, he spent two years teaching English at a public school in Spain, before returning to serve in AmeriCorps VISTA at a refugee resettlement agency. After witnessing the marginalization of many refugees in low-paying jobs, Marcus began law school hoping to become an even more effective advocate for people in his community. An active National Lawyers Guild member, he spent his first summer assisting with habeas corpus appeals for prisoners on Ohio's death row. Marcus is now eager to work toward his ultimate goal of supporting movements for progressive change through labor power.



Sergio Ballón JD '23

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Baltimore, MD International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) Washington, DC

Born in La Paz, Bolivia, Sergio moved to Maryland where he went on to attend the University of Maryland and graduated with a major in Government & Politics and two minors, Spanish and Philosophy. His passion for labor law stems from the injustices he witnessed growing up in Bolivia and dinner conversations about building a better world. A first-generation law student, Sergio wishes to advocate for the working class and fight alongside it for better working conditions in the United States. This summer, he wishes to meet individuals who have been working in the labor and employment law fields for some time, as well as those who are just starting out, in order to further workers' rights.



Emma P. Barudi JD '24

New York University, School of Law New York, NY American Federal, State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Washington, DC



Daniel Bromberg JD '24

Cornell Law School Ithaca, NY Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Washington, DC

Emma grew up in Huntington Beach, California and graduated summa cum laude from UCLA with a degree in Economics and Political Science and a minor in Middle Eastern Studies. As an undergraduate, she was involved in the labor movement on campus by advocating for her school to uphold their end of contract negotiations and end outsourcing from the union representing dining and residence hall workers, AFSCME Local 3299. Her interest in labor issues expanded during her legislative internship on Capitol Hill, in which she learned more about the hardships facing California's agricultural and undocumented workers. In addition to pursuing labor advocacy as a lawyer, Emma is a member of the Middle Eastern Law Students Association and the Law and Political Economy Association.



Monica Brokenborough JD '23

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Baltimore, MD Communications Workers of America (CWA) Washington, DC

Originally from Atlanta, Monica is extremely devoted to the labor movement, having served as a building representative with the Washington Teachers' Union (WTU) and was nominated for president of the union. The WTU recognized her as an "Exemplary Building Representative." As a union representative, Monica exposed educational malfeasance in DC Schools which culminated in a national story entitled, Faking the Grade. She won over twenty grievances for teachers that included more than one hundred thousand dollars in backpay and job reinstatements. Monica recently earned an Employment Law for Leaders Certificate from her school and competed in the Fall Moot Court Competition, earning member-elect status as one of the highest scoring competitors. She has a bachelor's degree in music performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and a master's in music education from West Virginia University.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Daniel Bromberg graduated with a B.S. from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations in 2020. He was inspired to advocate for economic justice and workers' rights by the impact of his mother's union on his family's economic stability. While an undergrad, Daniel was active in Cornell's United Students Against Sweatshops chapter, the Peoples' Organizing Collective. After graduation, Daniel worked as a tutor to ESL students, for the U.S. Census, for a redistricting advocacy group, and for a city council campaign in his neighborhood. He's involved with the International Refugee Assistance Project and NLG chapters at school. The queer child of immigrants, Daniel enrolled in law school to work towards actualizing economic justice for all.



Jade Chowning JD '24

Yale Law School New Haven, CT Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Washington, DC

Originally from Seattle, Jade's passion for economic and social justice grew through her experiences in college tutoring inside a prison and volunteering as a caseworker in the community. After college, she joined a movement lawyering organization, the Detroit Justice Center, where she learned how legal tools can be used to support grassroots organizing. In law school, Jade is a member of the Challenging Mass Incarceration Clinic, a board member of the Law and Political Economy Student Group, and a volunteer with SEIU District 1199NE. She believes that transformative change only comes through collective action and building the power of working-class people. She is thrilled to join the labor movement this summer.



Carlie Diserio JD '23

West Virginia University College of Law Morgantown, WV American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) Washington, DC

Growing up in a family with generations of union membership contributed to Carlie's strong union values and passion to fight for workers' rights and safety. She saw the firsthand benefits that unions can provide for families. This interest grew after taking her first labor law course in law school and eventually lead to her decision to declare a concentration in labor and employment. Her studies as a Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies major as an undergraduate, along with her past legal experience at Legal Aid of West Virginia, allowed her to work with marginalized groups and enhance her policy experience. Carlie worked as an extern with the NLRB in the Spring and is particularly excited to work with the AFL-CIO this summer.



Zoe Dobkin

University of Texas at Austin School of Law Austin, TX Sugar Law Center Detroit, MI

Zoe majored in International Politics and graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University. She later moved to the Midwest and worked in sales at Google for over four years. Zoe first experienced the power of collective action in the workplace while supporting the 2018 Google Walkout, a protest in response to how the company failed to hold perpetrators of sexual assault and harassment accountable. Building on this momentum, she organized to successfully end forced arbitration at Google, thereby creating a fairer process to decide sexual harassment cases. She joined the Alphabet Workers Union and successfully campaigned for trans-affirming policies. Zoe is excited to learn more about workers' rights and continue fighting for economic justice.



Sonum Dixit JD '23

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law Tucson, AZ Rothner, Segall & Greenstone Pasadena, CA

As a child of South Asian immigrants, Sonum heard many stories about her parents and family friends experiencing wage theft, employment discrimination, struggles to find employment, and microaggressions. She first learned about the labor movement when she advocated for California Senate Bill 562, AKA "Medicare-for-All" and saw how effectively labor and nurses' unions mobilized to advocate for the bill. In law school, she participated in the Workers' Rights Clinic, is a legal extern for the Arizona Center for Disability Law and interned at Harvard Legal Aid Bureau's family practice. She has volunteered with local Proposition 207 expungement clinics and her law school's Name and Gender Marker Clinic. She is excited to learn more about labor law this summer.



Megan Dougherty JD '23

Penn State Law State College, PA Beins, Axelrod & Keating, PC Washington, DC

Megan was born and raised in northeastern Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of a proud union member, and her father's union work shaped her initial interest in labor organizations and workers' rights issues. She has a degree in hospitality administration and many years of experience working with hotels, restaurants, and other service providers. For Megan, these experiences particularly highlighted the vulnerabilities that linelevel hospitality workers face and common exploitative employer practices. After law school, she hopes to combine her background and legal education to better advocate for workers' rights. Megan is grateful to be a part of the Peggy Browning Fellowship Program and excited to expand her knowledge of labor law this summer.

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Casey Doyle JD '24

Columbia Law School New York, NY New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) New York, NY

Casey was born and raised in Kailua, HI, is the daughter of a proud union teacher and the first in her family to attend law school. She graduated with a degree in Economics and Sociology from Georgetown University and was chosen to be part of the Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor's inaugural Labor Capital Strategies Fellowship. During those years, Casey became passionate about the many ways that workers' rights intersect with environmental and racial justice. She was placed in the Laborer's International Union (LiUNA) Corporate Affairs Department and expanded her appreciation for using union power as a tool for social change. Casey is excited to see the many ways the labor movement can grow to support other causes it has historically been pitted against.



Namita Dwarakanath JD '24

University of Pittsburgh School of Law Pittsburgh, PA Women's Law Project Pittsburgh, PA

Before entering law school, Namita worked for six years in fields of violence and trauma, spanning from direct advocacy to research. She became passionate about labor rights when working with survivors of genderbased violence who experienced discrimination in their workplaces as a direct result of their trauma. Her background in public health has made her a passionate advocate for equitable workspaces and schools, focusing on the application of anti-racist, healing-centered principles to secure justice and amplify the voices of marginalized populations. As a senior research coordinator with the University of Pittsburgh Division of Adolescent Medicine, Namita guided young people to use Youth Participatory Action Research principles to develop youth-led, justice-oriented changes in their schools. She believes strongly in the transferability of similar models for workplace justice.



Grace DuBois JD '24

American University Washington College of Law Washington, DC Center for Progressive Reform Washington, DC

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Grace studied political science and economics at the University of Pittsburgh. She was heavily involved in organizing and engaging students in the political process there, and she worked on several state-level campaigns after graduation. Being engaged, active, and employed in the Democratic politics of Western Pennsylvania fundamentally means working alongside and collaborating with union leaders and members to elect pro-labor candidates. Grace's background in political organizing is foundational to her interest in labor law. She enrolled in law school with the ultimate goal of one day advocating for the interests of workers and their families, and she is excited to start her legal career as a Peggy Browning Fellow and to be on the leading edge of the labor movement.



Amirah Ellison JD '24

University of Minnesota Law School Minneapolis, MN Strategic Organizing Center (formerly Change to Win) Washington, DC

Amirah grew up in north Minneapolis, and developed an interest in labor and employment law through her involvement in labor organizing. Prior to law school, she studied Cinema and Media Studies at Carleton College, and subsequently worked at the Walker Art Center in the Public Engagement, Learning, and Impact Department. While at the Walker, she and her colleagues came together to organize a union, and after a year-and-a-half organizing, they won voluntary recognition. Getting involved in the Walker Worker Union led her to pursue a career where she could further the causes of social and economic justice for all workers. Amirah is excited to continue to advocate for workers this summer.



Jillian Etheridge JD '24

University of Mississippi School of Law Ridgeland, MI Joel Dillard, PA Jackson, MS



Isabel Flores-Ganley JD '23

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law Los Angeles, CA Raise the Floor Alliance Chicago, IL

Before attending law school, Jillian obtained a bachelor's degree in acting and a master's in English from the University of Southern Mississippi, while working 40 hours a week at a variety of part-time jobs. She taught high school in Magee, MI for four years, teaching a range of classes from English to economics. During her stint as an educator, Jillian joined the Mississippi Association of Educators, a state affiliate of the National Education Association. Through these opportunities she became involved with Political Action Committee (PAC) initiatives and promoting policies in order to create more justice within the school system. Jillian hopes to help Mississippians through litigation and promoting just public policies. Isabel's interest in workers' rights is deeply influenced by her parents. Her father, an immigrant and low-wage worker, was a labor organizer when she was a child. She witnessed the profoundness of his organizing and the treatment of her father in his job as a janitor. By observing and experiencing the impacts of exploitative work and seeing the power of collective organizing, Isabel became committed to the labor movement and labor-related opportunities. She volunteered with a clinic that helped workers, laid off during the pandemic, apply for unemployment insurance. She interned with UNITE HERE Local 11 where she helped with a campaign to secure a union contract at a luxury hotel and ensure the workers' right to be recalled to work were honored.



Matt Fernandes JD '24

University of California, Berkeley School of Law Emeryville, CA Weinberg, Roger and Rosenfeld San Francisco, CA

A proud life-long Bay area resident, Matthew first developed an interest in labor during a summer organizing internship with SEIU Local 1021. There, he discovered his passion for organizing, bringing people together, and building worker power. As an undergraduate, Matthew supported workers both as a volunteer with the Young Democratic Socialists of America and in his capacity as a program assistant with the West Oakland Job Resource Center (WOJRC). At WOJRC, he worked closely with local unions and helped mostly formerly incarcerated individuals find union employment in the building trades. Matthew graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Berkeley and he is now pursuing his JD with the goal of developing the tools and skills necessary to do his part to help uplift his home community.



Abby Frerick

JD '24

University of Minnesota Law School Minneapolis, MN Arnold, Newbold, Sollars & Hollins, PC Kansas City, MO

A first-generation student from Cedar Rapids, IA, and the granddaughter of union workers, Abby is committed to workers' rights. She joined the labor movement as an undergraduate student with the Union of Dining Workers at Grinnell College and has been committed to supporting union power ever since. Abby participated in several direct actions as an organizer, which deepened her understanding of coalition building and the mechanisms of power. She has witnessed the positive impact unionization has on individuals, their families and loved ones. Abby believes many of our nation's biggest challenges can be tackled by rebuilding union power. She hopes to be a part of a broad and inclusive movement to rebuild labor power as an aspiring labor attorney.



Raechel Fraser JD '23

Seattle University School of Law Seattle, WA Fair Work Center Seattle, WA

Raechel is the daughter of two immigrants, a native Washingtonian, and has lived in WA her entire life. Prior to attending law school, she received her bachelor's degree in Law, Economics and Public Policy from the University of Washington Bothell. Raechel currently serves as secretary for her school's Black Law Student Association and is a research assistant. Last summer Raechel served as a Teaching Assistant for the Access Admission Program to work closely with incoming students from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities. Raechel is passionate about civil/human rights and continuously advocates for diverse representation in the legal profession. As a Peggy Browning Fellow she hopes to work closely with clients to meet their needs and gain more in field legal experience.



Esi Fynn-Obeng JD '24

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Baltimore, MD Teamsters Local 117 Tukwila, WA

Esi Fynn-Obeng is a community organizer who spent the last five years working alongside students, community members, and workers building grassroots leadership and advocating for resources for Black communities. She worked in alliance with the Black Student Union on multiple initiatives to enhance the campus life of Black students and raise awareness around campus racism at the Florida International University. She eventually connected with Miami's Dream Defenders, and later with the Miami Worker's Center, to address issues involving housing affordability, healthcare, and police brutality. This brought her to Hospitality Employees Advancement & Training (HEAT) where she worked to create a pipeline of employment and access to union jobs in South Florida. Esi now looks forward to combining her organizing experience with her budding legal skills.



Jessica Fullilove JD '22 School-Year 2021-22

Northern Illinois College of Law DeKalb, IL Chicago News Guild Chicago, IL

Jessica is from the Englewood neighborhood of Chicago and is a first-generation law student. Prior to law school, she worked as a flight attendant for Spirit Airlines and was a member of the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA-CWA). In college, Jessica served as a community organizer in the Englewood area and as the vice-president of the Black Student Union. She came to law school keen on furthering her commitment to advocate for the disadvantaged. Jessica is interested in practicing Employment and Labor Litigation. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for National Black Law Student Association (NBLSA) and is the chair of the Midwestern Region of NBLSA.



Maleeha Ghaznavi JD '23

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

Maleeha Ghaznavi is passionate about serving marginalized communities. She studied psychology as an undergraduate, where she learned about the impact of disparate treatment on the brain. From that point, she knew she wanted to pursue helping people who have faced discrimination and systemic disadvantages. After working at a law firm prior to law school, participating in a workers' rights clinic last summer, and taking an employment law course in law school, she learned more about the pervasive power imbalance that exists between employers and workers, including the difference in accessibility to understanding their respective rights. Maleeha plans to pursue plaintiff-side employment and labor law to play her part in equalizing workplace environments.



Amelia Goldberg JD '24

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The grandchild of a labor lawyer, Amelia got their first taste of worker power supporting several strikes at Harvard that culminated in a new contract for dining hall workers and recognition for a graduate students' union. After two years on Congressional campaigns, they are thrilled to return to the labor struggle this summer to advance the rights of logistics and temp workers.



David Gonsier

Brooklyn Law School Brooklyn, NY New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) New York, NY

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David is a born New Yorker who came to the labor movement during his 15+ year career as a professional dancer. While he always worked for greater labor rights for dancers and other performing artists, he found his voice in the labor movement as a member of the American Guild of Musical Artists. David has been a delegate for AGMA at the Metropolitan Opera since 2014, and in that role has participated in CBA negotiations, grievances, and arbitrations. He is also a member of AGMA's Executive Council of the Board of Governors, and is the founder and chair of the AGMA Dancers Caucus. David works to highlight the dignity of arts work itself and of arts workers as laborers



Mimi Goldberg JD '24

Cornell University Law School Ithaca, NY Make the Road NY Brooklyn, NY

An Arizona native, Mimi studied Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University. Prior to joining law school, she spent years volunteering with and researching farmworker communities in upstate New York. This work has inspired her to dedicate her career to fighting the injustices many immigrants face in the workplace. In law school, Mimi is involved with the International Refugee Assistance Program and the Immigration Law and Advocacy Clinic. She looks forward to spending her summer supporting workers in New York and is incredibly grateful for this opportunity.



Alicia Graziano JD '23

Northeastern University School of Law Boston, MA Strategic Organizing Center (formerly Change to Win) Washington, DC

Alicia comes from a family of union members and is the proud child of two retired union teachers. After studying art history, she began pursuing a career in art and museums. During her first full-time job at the New Museum in New York City, she helped lead a union organizing campaign and discovered her passion for the labor movement. After a hard-fought but successful union election at the museum, she started working for her local union, UAW Local 2110. There, she worked on new organizing campaigns at museums and cultural institutions and assisted with collective bargaining for first contracts. In law school, Alicia has interned at the Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor in Boston and is an active member of the National Lawyers Guild.



University of California Hastings, College of the Law San Francisco, CA International Union of Painters & Allied Trades (IUPAT) Hanover, MD



Frank Harrison JD '23

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In her undergraduate years, Zoë found her passion for Frank was a late arrival to both undergrad and law issue-based, electoral, and union organizing. She has school. He spent time working menial jobs and was at advocated for local harm reduction efforts, managed one point a high school drop-out. Eventually, he got back candidates for state office, supported voter registration on track and majored in both Economics and Philosophy efforts focused on registering communities of color, at Western Michigan University. This has led Frank and organized nationally with NARAL Pro-Choice to have a special interest in advocating for working-America. Zoë led unionization efforts at an anticlass families. Between his personal background and Trump Super PAC that operated in six battleground his degree in Economics, Frank fell in love with the states where she helped win elections in every state, concept and power of collective bargaining. To further assembled the states' volunteer committees, and led this interest, Frank spent his first summer and fall negotiations at the bargaining table. Collaborating with semester of his second year working at the Detroit the multistate leadership team and IBEW, she drafted office of the National Labor Relations Board. It was at a Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of more than the NLRB where Frank finally affirmed that being in 400 campaign staff that secured economic assistance labor law is what he wants to do with his career.



member of the boxing club.

Apurva Gunturu 🔰 JD '24'

and healthcare benefits through the end of the year. In law school, Zoë is a representative for OUTLaw and

> University of Texas at Austin School of Law Austin, TX Global Labor Justice/ International Labor Rights Forum Washington, DC

Growing up in Dallas, TX, Apurva was exposed to issues around migration and labor dynamics through friends and family. She focused her undergraduate degree in Spanish, philosophy, and Asian American Studies. Prior to law school, Apurva used oral history and community-based participatory research methods to document South Asian American narratives. Her previous internship, with the Equal Justice Center, solidified her interest in law school. Apurva believes strongly that all people deserve to work in a safe environment and be paid a fair wage, regardless of their background. She is inspired by the rich history of inter-ethnic solidarity within labor movements in the United States. This summer, Apurva is excited to continue to support workers, and learn more about how global labor dynamics impact communities at home.



Phil Herman

JD '23

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law St. Louis, MO American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO (AFT) Washington, DC

Born and raised in St. Louis, Phil attended undergrad at Tulane University receiving a degree in English. He then attended Washington University and completed his MA in Media Studies. Working for almost a decade as a bartender, inspired him to go to law school to advocate for workers' right to organize. In law school he is involved in the Labor and Employment Law Society, the People's Parity Project, and the *Washington University Jurisprudence Review*. Last summer he worked as an intern for the Boston regional solicitor's office of the Department of Labor. After graduating law school, he hopes to practice labor law as a union attorney. In his free time, he likes to play with his dog Laszlo, cook, and watch *Columbo*.



Jeffrey Higgins JD '23

University of Connecticut School of Law Hartford, CT American Federation of State, **County & Municipal Employees** (AFSCME) Washington, DC

Lauren Hunady **JD '24**

University of Washington School of Law Seattle, WA **Teamsters Local Union No. 117** Tukwila, WA

After earning his Bachelor of Music degree, Jeffrey Coming of age in the deep south and raised by a single joined his first union-Actors' Equity Associationmother, Lauren recognized the urgency of substantive and worked for many years as an actor, singer, and equity and was then inspired to pursue a career in playwright in the Washington, D.C. area. He later labor justice. Lauren graduated summa cum laude from Emory University with a degree in Women's, Gender, joined IATSE Local No. 868 where he co-founded the and Sexuality Studies. While there, she worked in Young Workers Committee and was an active member of the Organizing Committee and the Executive Board. several public interest sectors, including reproductive Through these union memberships, Jeffrey developed a rights, political organizing, and criminal justice. These passion for workers' rights. A desire to better advocate experiences collectively gave her a dynamic view of workplace politics in a social context. Lauren's honors for workers-particularly LGBTQ workers-led him to law school. Jeffrey has worked as a law clerk for thesis examined Title VII gender-nonconformity AFSCME Council 4 and the Connecticut Legislature's jurisprudence, calling attention to correlative functions Labor and Public Employees Committee. Last summer, of non-normative gender suppression and employer/ he interned for a U.S. Magistrate Judge. In law school, employee power imbalances. In law school, she has joined Jeffrey is a member of Lambda Law Society and the boards of the Students for Labor and Employment Justice and the Public Interest Law Association.



Connecticut Law Review.

Dylan Holmes JD '23

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Dylan learned early on how economic dignity affects every other aspect of one's life. Born and raised in New Mexico, he never forgot how powerless he and his coworkers felt against management at the service jobs he worked in high school. After attending Reed College for comparative literature and becoming the first in his family to graduate, Dylan volunteered on progressive political campaigns. In law school, he is on the boards of Loyola's National Lawyers Guild and ACLU chapters, and has served as an intern with the National Labor Relations Board. He is a legal intern with the Writers Guild of America West and a member of the Byrne Trial Advocacy Team. Dylan looks forward to a legal career dedicated to the labor movement, to union power, and to the liberation of working people both individually and collectively.



Amanda Jimenez JD '22

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

Amanda is a Filipino activist and artist based in Queens, NY. As a founding organizer of Anakbayan-Manhattan, she's fighting for national democracy in the Philippines and the rights and welfare of Filipinos abroad. As legal coordinator of Mission to End Modern Slavery, Amanda utilizes her legal and organizing knowledge to empower, educate, and serve migrant workers and trafficking victims. Studying and working at the intersection of immigration law and labor law, she aspires to become a people's lawyer to serve Filipino and other migrant communities.



Leo Jobsis Rossignol JD '23

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Ayushi Kokroo JD '24

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Leo was raised by union teachers in the United States Virgin Islands. Their influence and his studies of history and economics as an undergrad helped him to grow to appreciate the importance of worker organization and solidarity. Before attending William & Mary to finish his graduate degree, Leo worked in the foodservice industry, and saw the real need for more legal representatives working on behalf of workers, while trying to organize his own workplace. His experience on the ground convinced him to become a labor lawyer, so that he could apply his skills to aid as many workers as possible. Working this summer will give Leo the opportunity to defend valuable workers under increasing pressure in this important moment. As a child of immigrants, Ayushi aspires to use her law degree to aid others who have endured hardship. After achieving her undergraduate degree at Emory University, Ayushi worked as an Immigration Pro Bono and International Trade paralegal in Washington, DC. Through this work, she learned the intricacies of the immigration system and of the hardships asylum seekers face in this country each day. After finalizing one of her clients' follow-to-join applications, reuniting a mother and her two children after 14 years of being separated, she knew working in an area of law that promotes social justice was of utmost importance to her. Ayushi is excited to learn about the overlaps in workplace justice and immigration and to continue to be an advocate for those most impacted by injustices.



Courtney Kirbis JD '24

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A third-generation unionized construction worker from Buffalo, NY, Courtney's first exposure to organizing was with United Students Against Sweatshops while at NYU. She went on to complete an apprenticeship with the Carpenters' Union in Buffalo, serving as union steward and an active member of the Sisters in the Brotherhood committee. Before law school, she spent a year organizing maintenance workers and boiler operators with the International Union of Operating Engineers. Courtney is pursuing a law degree with the goal of advocating for the rights of largely underrepresented workers, and is particularly interested in the role that labor can play in addressing climate change. She is a member of the Immigration Detention Defense Board and the first-year class representative for the National Lawyers Guild.



Travis Lavenski JD '23

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Travis, a native West Virginian, received a bachelor's in Civil Engineering from West Virginia University. His interest in social and economic justice drove him to complete a service year with AmeriCorps after college and to eventually go to law school to pursue a career promoting workers' rights. Travis' interest in workers' issues led him to completing a summer internship with the Labor Bureau at the New York State Office of the Attorney General, work with the employment unit at Greater Boston Legal Services, write articles for the OnLabor blog, and engage in historical research relating to employment law. Travis hopes to use his law degree to empower the labor movement.



Nina Leeds JD '24

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Dustin Loosbrock JD '23

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Nina studied Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University. Prior to law school, she worked as a labor and employment paralegal where she was able to deepen her passion for labor and employment law, and assist a partner in developing a class he taught at Cornell Law School titled, "Current Issues in Collective Bargaining." She now serves as a first-year representative for the Michigan Immigration and Labor Law Association. Her passion for the labor movement started at a young age and she is thrilled to be working at NYSUT, where her mother is a proud member. As a graduate of NYC public schools, she is ecstatic to be able to fight for the rights and benefits of teachers and educational professionals in her home state. A third-generation Operating Engineer (17-year member), Dustin grew up in a union household where he and his siblings were taught that 'we all do better when we all do better.' After serving in the U.S. Navy, Dustin joined the Operating Engineers as an apprentice. Part of his time as a member of his local included serving as a union representative. During that time, Dustin realized that he wanted to serve the labor movement, particularly the building trades, on a larger scale. He believed that a legal education was the best way to build on his experience and reach his goals. His Summer Fellowship offers him a unique opportunity to gain insight and experience on labor movement difficulties from the perspective of a craft other than his own.



Tyler Lingafelt

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A native of Cambria County, PA, Tyler was raised by a union family in a union town. His interest in the labor movement began in high school when he participated in a scholarship program run by the Johnstown Regional Central Labor Council. This interest deepened while working jobs in the service industry in college. In undergrad, Tyler spent summers working with AFSCME District Council 83 in Duncansville, PA. There, he learned first-hand from many incredible union officers, members, and staff about the real-world applications and implications of US labor law. Now Tyler focuses his coursework and extracurriculars on labor and employment law. He is a board member of his school's labor and employment law society, a member of the National Lawyers Guild, and works as a law clerk for the New York State United Teachers.



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Julian Lutz

JD '24

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School Philadelphia, PA Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 19 Philadelphia, PA

Julian became aware of labor injustice watching factories close in his native Northeast Philadelphia, while his mother worked hard at a physically demanding, often toxic workplace. Julian studied local politics and political economy at St. Joseph's University, and spent one summer studying public policy at Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs. After graduation, he worked as a paralegal at Regional Housing Legal Services, a nonprofit community economic development organization. As a Toll Public Interest Scholar, in law school, Julian hopes to study how to build stronger communities and plans to study how unions of the future will build up communities and create jobs that pay, train, respect their workers and support their families.



Elizabeth Machado JD '23

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As the granddaughter of a Bracero, and daughter of a migrant farmworker from Sinaloa, México, Elizabeth was well aware of the impact of low wage work on her family. Her father became a construction worker and LIUNA member, then a longshoreman and ILWU member which provided her family with the benefits of unionization. For the first time, Elizabeth's family had a stable income and health insurance. During undergrad, she volunteered with the Employment Rights Project at Bet Tzedek Legal Services, where she helped to combat wage theft. In law school, she returned to Bet Tzedek as the Jim Adler Fellow in Employment Law. As a clinical student in Loyola's Workers' Rights Clinic, Elizabeth represented unemployment insurance claimants before the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.



Bailey Markowski JD '23

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A third-generation union member, Bailey grew up seeing the benefits of collective organizing and action before experiencing it for herself as a member of SEIU Local 1. After years of working in non-union settings and being dissatisfied with how she was treated by her superiors, her positive experience as a union member and with unions throughout her life inspired her to pursue joining the labor movement. She graduated summa cum laude from The Ohio State University with a BA in Political Science and History. In law school, Bailey is an associate editor on the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, a member of the Labor and Employment Law Association, and a research assistant. She plans to use her law degree to become a union lawyer and fight for workers.



Juan P. Madrigal JD '24

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Juan emigrated from Colombia at the age of 8. He grew up outside of Scranton, PA and frequently explored the Tri-State Area. Interests in psychology, human development, and social policy drew him towards public interest work. He earned a bachelor's in Human Development and Family Studies from Penn State and a Professional Graduate Certificate in Human Rights from Columbia University. Professionally, Juan worked at Goodwill Industries of NEPA in various capacities: assistant program manager for a DOJ-funded youth mentoring program, director of employment services for clients with disabilities, and court coordinator of employment services. Juan's proudest achievements are developing and implementing a court-based employment/education services model for justiceimpacted individuals and securing a substantial PA Labor & Industry's Digital Literacy and Workforce Development Grant through collaborative grant writing efforts.



Michele Kutorkor Martey JD '23

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Los Angeles, CA

Driven by the awareness of exploitation and injustices in the employment legal field, Michele believes that progressive change can be implemented with innovative effort and determination. As a first-generation law student and a daughter of Ghanaian immigrants, Michele has witnessed the arduous struggles workers ceaselessly faced in various employment fields. Michele attended Grand Canyon University for her undergraduate studies where she developed a passion for social justice and immigration law. After law school, Michele hopes to combine her law degree with her experience in employee activism to continue advocating for working class communities.



Frances Maurer JD '24

Washington University School of Law St. Louis, MO Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 104 Sacramento, CA

Frances was raised in a community of teachers and

organizers, becoming more closely focused on economic

justice when she began to study politics in high school

and college. The book Poor People's Movements cemented

her belief in collective action as a powerful tool for change. Before law school, Frances was primarily

interested in writing. She spent several months writing

for the Romero Institute about structural inequities and

policy reform in California. She has also written film

analysis and satire. Frances came to law school to fight

for a hospitable, just future, and hopes to participate

in the labor movement and mutual aid alongside legal work. She looks forward to working with union members, lawyers, and other community members this

summer to fight for economic justice.

New York University School of Law New York, New York Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Washington, DC

JD'23

Mac McMechan

A background in hospitality led Mac to law school focused on economic justice and workers' rights. While at NYU, Mac has been a student advocate with the Unemployment Action Center, Law Students for Economic Justice, Disability Allied Law Students Association, and Coalition on Labor Action of Workers and Students. Mac also was a year-long student advocate with the Civil Litigation Employment Law Clinic. They previously interned with the Transgender Law Center and Brooklyn Defender Services. Mac was also a 2021 Peggy Browning Summer Fellow in the legal offices of Levy Ratner PC in New York City.



Max McCullough JD '23

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A third-generation unionist and the son of a firefighter and an artist, Max grew up in Florida before making his way to the Northeast. He taught history at a charter high school in Boston for seven years and experienced firsthand the depredations of school privatization and corporatization. Deeply committed to public education and workers' rights, he organized with his fellow education workers to fight against low pay and high staff turnover, administrative and financial mismanagement, and the degradation of students' learning conditions. This organizing resulted in the first union contract at a Boston charter school. Max relished in his role as advisor and mentor to students and student-teachers. He is excited to return to Boston and strengthen his local labor movement.

Taliah Mirmalek JD '23

University of California Berkeley School of Law Berkeley, CA Equal Justice Center Austin, TX

Prior to law school, Taliah worked as a researcher in the labor movement, learning from researchers and organizers in UNITE HERE Local 2850 and SEIU. She has also served as an educator in her local community. In law school, she is co-president of the Muslim Students Association, an ally board member of the Native American Law Student Association and a member of Law Students for Justice in Palestine. Taliah has participated in La Alianza Workers and Tenants Rights Clinic with Centro Legal de la Raza, co-founded the Law Students for Radical Real Estate pro bono project with the Sustainable Economy Law Center, and interned with the Center for Constitutional Rights. This semester, she is a clinical student in the Immigration Clinic.



Tommy Molina JD '24

University of Wisconsin Law School Madison, WI CASA Hyattsville, MD

As a first-generation law student and son of Colombian immigrants, Tommy learned the value that immigrants bring to their communities. After undergrad, he became an educator and mentor to seventh grade bilingual students in Milwaukee Public Schools. The profound impact of witnessing clear disparities in education among immigrant youth led him to pursue a career as a community organizer with an immigrant rights organization, Voces de la Frontera. As an organizer, he led city-wide campaigns to organize workers and their families, prohibit police from collaborating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) without proper due process, and galvanized thousands of residents to fill out the census. Tommy hopes to pursue legal work that fights for the ability of workers to unionize in their workplace and protects the rights of immigrants and their families.



Nicolette Moore JD '24

City University of New York School of Law Long Island City, NY Farmworker Justice Washington, DC

Nicolette grew up in Florida as the daughter of transport workers who were involved in union organizing. She pursued a degree in international politics and Latin American studies at Georgetown University. She then spent a year in Mexico as a Fullbright Fellow, where she worked on anti-corruption compliance at a commercial litigation firm. Recently, Nicolette worked at a legal tech startup on assessing the viability of cases in areas such as OSHA violations, products liability, and criminal matters. She has also served as a legal assistant at a workers' compensation firm. In law school, Nicolette is a member of the Labor Coalition. Her goal is to work as a labor attorney with a focus on immigrant workers' rights. She is thrilled to be interning at Farmworker Justice this summer.



Danya Moodabagil JD '24

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Danya graduated from the University of San Diego, where she studied International Relations and Spanish. On campus and off, she found ways to engage with her community on issues of immigration, civic engagement, and foreign affairs. As a first-generation immigrant, she felt drawn to immigrant rights advocacy. Danya worked as a paralegal at a private immigration firm in Portland, OR and later with a non-profit employment law firm. Her experience working with the Northwest Workers' Justice Project solidified her passion for advocating and organizing low-wage and immigrant workers. Danya looks forward to using her law degree to strengthen the voices of working people and to build a more progressive future.



Peter Morgan

JD'24

Harvard Law School Cambridge, MA Hayes Dolce Buffalo, NY

Peter Morgan was raised in Minnesota, and after studying literature in college, worked for Westlaw before heading to law school to work on workers' rights. After experiencing low pay at book and retail stores, Peter sought to work to improve conditions in the service sector through a legal career—either through union work, regulatory work, or both. Through his PBF Summer Fellowship, he hopes to work on legal labor issues on both the local and national level.



Justin Moyer JD '24

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Justin was born in suburban Philadelphia, the product of a mixed management-labor marriage. He became interested in social justice as an active member of the DC punk rock community since the 1990s, and as a local reporter for *The Washington Post*, where he covered homelessness, Saudi lobbying, and the right-wing street protests that culminated in the Capitol insurrection. He became a union official at the Washington-Baltimore News Guild Local 32035 (Newspaper Guild/CWA) and then attended law school to study labor law as an evening student. He hopes to learn as much as possible at CWA, his parent union, this summer so he can better serve his members.



Justin Onwenu JD '24

Columbia Law School New York, NY United Auto Workers (UAW) Detroit, MI

Justin's personal experiences at the Progressive Workers Union solidified his belief that unions are the only force strong enough to counterbalance economic inequality, unsafe working conditions and stagnant wages. Before law school, he served as a White House intern appointee for Michigan's Governor, and a community organizer in Detroit. There Justin built coalitions with residents, workers and community groups to fight for clean air and water, safer working conditions and healthier communities. This included securing over \$500,000 to protect schoolchildren from poor air quality and connecting vulnerable residents to resources in the face of COVID-19. In undergrad, Justin served as Student Body President and helped lead local recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. This summer, Justin hopes to better understand how the law can serve as a tool to better organize and advocate for workers.



Caroline Murphy JD '24

Georgetown University Law Center Washington, DC Laborers International Union of North America (LiUNA) Washington, DC

Growing up in Chicago, a city termed 'labor town' for its struggling unions, Caroline has seen how essential firms like the Laborer's International Union of North America are in shaping labor movements. This fellowship will allow her to learn the ropes of union work during a national pandemic where the future of work is constantly changing. In prior work, Caroline handled employment-based petitions for foreign nationals, working with these individuals, their managers, and client representatives. Caroline also managed canvassing for major political campaigns and on a mental health task force. Caroline is looking forward to expanding on her knowledge of union-side labor law, and being a member of this professional community.



Isabel Oraha

JD '23

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Isabel began her secondary education at community college, working while attending school. She transferred to UCLA and was involved in student government and advocacy on campus. Her interest in the labor movement began early, as her mother is a member of Teamsters Local 542, and it only grew as she learned more about the history of labor in the United States. She hopes to build deep connections to California unions this summer and have a career advocating for workers and their families.



Estefania Palacios JD '23

The George Washington University Law School Washington, DC Justice at Work Boston, MA

Returning as a second-year Peggy Browning Fellow, Estefania is originally from Ecuador. Her early commitment to worker advocacy led her to attend the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University. While earning both her bachelor's and master's degree, she worked with women-only businesses in Nicaragua, represented low-income clients in their Unemployment Insurance Benefit cases in Upstate New York, led an advocacy skills workshop for labor students in Vietnam, and fought for workers' rights as a summer legal intern in India. This journey deepened her understanding of legal advocacy and reinforced her commitment to helping workers overcome labor injustices. Last year, Estefania joined CASA and contributed to protecting immigrant workers against employers, landlords, and immigration officials. She is thrilled to continue this advocacy work this summer.



Kinnari Patel

JD '24

University of Wisconsin Law School Madison, WI National Employment Law Project (NELP) Berkeley, CA

As a woman of color, first-generation immigrant, daughter of skilled trades workers and aspiring attorney, Kinnari is motivated by a desire to implement positive societal change and uplift disenfranchised voices. Her experience working in healthcare taught her that achieving better patient outcomes largely necessitated creating a better work environment for clinicians. Over time, Kinnari has learned that this ideology is applicable across industries, the health of the system stems from the employee experience. Improving our economic systems is dependent on raising standards for workers, which she hopes to accomplish through her work this summer. Kinnari also hopes to explore labor and employment law and public policy by advocating for workers' rights. In her free time, Kinnari enjoys bouldering, cooking, baking, and hanging out with her dachshund, Slinky.



Katie Parker

Georgetown University Law Center Washington, DC American Federal, State, County and Municipal Workers (AFSCME) Washington, DC

With a background in economic policy research, Katie experienced the power of a union contract when her nonprofit organized with the Nonprofit Professional Employees Union (NPEU), IFPTE Local 70. As a member of the bargaining committee, she fell in love with the power of collective bargaining and decided to go to law school to join the fight to secure these protections for all workers. In her school's part-time program, Katie continues to work for NPEU, where she supports workers at the bargaining table, and learns from the workers and staff fighting to raise standards across the sector. She grew up on Long Island and currently lives in Mount Rainier, Maryland. Katie's favorite past times include cooking, gardening, and volunteering with the DC Abortion Fund.



JD '25

Viraj Patel

JD '23

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In college, Viraj's experiences at the Student Labor Action Project and the United States Student Association, exposed him to the world of organizing and community struggles for justice. Since freshman year, he has been a part of a number of student organizing and union organizing efforts in his community. After graduating, he worked as an organizer for AFSCME Council 3. With AFSCME he was able to learn and grow as an advocate as well as gain a better understanding of how our legal systems impact unions and working people. Now in law school, Viraj is aiming to start a legal career that is focused on fighting for social and economic justice. He is a two-time PBF Summer Fellow, having spent last summer working with the Strategic Organizing Center in Washington, DC.



Kaitlyn Pavia JD '23

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Kaitlyn studied Peace Studies in college where her work with the Goucher Prison Education Partnership sparked her commitment to civil rights and social justice. Last summer, she was a legal intern with the ACLU of Connecticut, working on cases pertaining to First Amendment, LGBTQ+, and prisoners' rights. Kaitlyn serves as secretary for her school's chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and articles editor for the Journal of Law and Policy. Prior to law school, Kaitlyn worked at the Center for Family Representation (CFR) as an advocate for parents facing abuse and neglect charges in Queens, NY. While there, she helped organize the staff's union drive. After an anti-union campaign by management, staff voted and successfully joined UAW Local 2325, Association of Legal Aid Attorneys.



Ricardo Perez

University of Minnesota Law School Minneapolis, MN Murphy Anderson PLLC Washington, DC

As a first-generation college graduate, Ricardo attributes many of the opportunities to which he has access today to labor movements across generations. Organized labor allowed his family to afford opportunities for him of which his grandparents and parents only dreamed. Aware of what these opportunities mean for those who will also rely on the same support in the future, Ricardo is passionate for equitable social policy and hopes to apply that passion to tackle the challenges facing vulnerable populations to promote economic equity. He hopes to utilize his experience as a Peggy Browning Fellow to continue empowering the backbone of the American economy by representing our interests and expanding what that access means and affords.



Zakary Pearsall JD '23

University of Georgia School of Law Athens, GA Joel Dillard, PA Jackson, MS

Zak received his bachelor's in Political Science and Philosophy from the University of South Carolina and a master's in Philosophy from Georgia State University. While teaching history at a public high school in Tucson, AZ, he became involved in union activism, including taking on a lead role organizing co-workers in the run up to the six-day 2018 Arizona teachers' strike that successfully fought back against school privatization schemes and austerity. Participating in a mass strike drove home the awesome collective power of workers united for a common purpose and deepened Zak's commitment to the labor movement. In law school, Zak has worked with clients seeking immigration relief through his school's Community HeLP Clinic and advocated for tenants facing eviction as an intern at Atlanta Legal Aid.



Liz Pudel

JD '23

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Liz is a first-generation American who was raised by her working-class, Russian immigrant family in Brooklyn. In law school, she knew she wanted to pursue workerside labor and employment law because she recognizes that any movement for racial, economic, and social justice requires efforts situated in the workplace. During law school, she has interned with Region 29 of the National Labor Relations Board and with the Workers' Rights Program at Catholic Migration Services. She also currently serves on the executive board of the CUNY Law Labor Coalition, an organization dedicated to highlighting that workers' struggles are central to all legal advocacy. This summer, Liz is excited to channel her commitment to the labor movement into serving the workers and labor organizations of the only city she has ever called home.

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Grace Quigley JD '24

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Adilene Ramirez JD '24

Southwestern Law School Los Angeles, CA Workers Defense Project Austin, TX

Growing up in Nashville, TN, Grace only learned about unions in history class. In college she studied history and economics, and she saw how collective action promotes justice from witnessing strikes at the University of Chicago. Her interest in unions grew through a college internship with the NLRB, witnessing the impact of labor policy on workers' lives. She ultimately wrote her senior thesis on antiunion rhetoric in the New Deal South. After a few years as an economic consultant, Grace came to law school committed to advocating for workers. Grace is an active member of the Labor & Employment Law Society and is pursuing a Labor & Employment Certificate through her school's Institute on Law and the Workplace. As a first-generation law student and daughter of Mexican immigrants, Adilene witnessed the additional challenges that the Latino immigrant community faces in the workforce. As an Ehrlich Alumni Scholar, at UCLA, Adilene majored in Political Science and Labor & Workplace Studies. She served as the Ralph J. Bunche Director for the Alumni Association, where she directed various student events focusing on diversity and inclusion. Adilene was also an ESL tutor for the Day Laborer Project, helping them to better navigate their workplaces through English lessons and community dialogue. Before law school, Adilene worked as a law firm liaison. She is a member of her school's Labor and Employment Law Association and Latino Law Students Association.



Jessica Rahmoune JD '23

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Before law school, Jessica worked as a paralegal and program associate at Justice Catalyst Law, a legal nonprofit that uses creative, cross-disciplinary litigation and advocacy strategies to tackle economic injustices. She researched and developed litigation for independent contractors in the developing gig economy, noncompete clauses in employment contracts, and multilevel marketing schemes that take advantage of their members. In law school, Jessica is a student attorney in the Civil Litigation Program, advocating on behalf of employees and tenants alike. As an executive board member of the National Lawyers Guild chapter, Jessica also serves as vice president of the Employment and Labor Law Student Association. Last summer, she was a Rappaport Fellow of Law and Public Policy at the office of a Boston city councilor. There she worked on fair housing and workers' rights issues and proposed potential city ordinances.



Heather Ramirez JD '23

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Heather is a first-generation college and law student. As a movement lawyer in training, she seeks to be a resource and work alongside marginalized communities in their fight for justice. Heather developed an interest in law after attempting to unionize a former workplace. Combining her passions for social justice and community organizing, she is interested in immigrant and workers' rights. Prior to law school, Heather was a paralegal at The Legal Aid Society, representing public housing tenants in their administrative housing cases against the New York City Housing Authority. She is a board member of her school's Labor Coalition for Workers and Economic Justice. Last summer, she was a Peggy Browning Summer Fellow at Farmworker Justice.



Peter Rawlings JD '24

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Ilena Reynoso Arellano JD '23

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Prior to law school, Peter spent several years as a journalist, joining the labor movement in the course of organizing his last two newsrooms. He first helped lead a successful organizing drive and election campaign to unionize his workplace with The News Guild-CWA, before moving on to help another newsroom in the formation of a union with the Writers Guild of America, East. He hopes to use a legal education to help other workers to organize and democratize their workplaces. In law school, he volunteers with his school's Parole Advocacy Project, helping incarcerated people prepare for parole hearings, and with the Unemployment Action Center, providing free representation to people in administrative hearings concerning their unemployment benefits. Being a first-generation Mexican American informed Ilena's perspective and desire to make a meaningful change in the economic and legal exploitation of the working class. Realizing labor law often intersects with the exploitation of the immigrant community, she became interested in labor law. Ilena earned a bachelor's degree in the areas of political science and Chicano/a studies from University of California, Davis and an associate degree from East Los Angeles College. Before law school, Ilena interned with AFT and SEIU in Los Angeles. She hopes to use her legal education to advocate for social and economic justice.



Kenny Revoredo JD '23

University of Richmond School of Law Richmond, VA Migrant Justice Burlington, VT

Kenny grew up as the child of Peruvian and Dominican Immigrants in the Atlanta Metro Area. After graduating from college, he worked in the hotel industry as a front desk agent and then as an immigration paralegal. Both positions exposed him to the poor working conditions that low-wage and immigrant workers face. This inspired him to attend law school, where he is on the Executive Board of the school's chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. In his third year, he is motivated to begin his career advocating on behalf of workers. His goal is to contribute to the fight to guarantee a living wage and great benefits for all people. He worked at the Strategic Organizing Center (SOC) last summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow and is excited for another great experience this summer.



Adam Rivera

JD '23

American University Washington College of Law Washington, DC International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) Washington, D.C.

Adam was born and raised in New York City and studied German and political science as an undergraduate. Prior to law school, Adam worked for the Department of Justice – Antitrust Division. His interest in the labor movement deepened after working on a political campaign in 2019 – 2020 where he connected his friends and family to different labor organizers within New York City. At WCL, Adam is the treasurer of the Labor and Employment Law Society and hopes to send members to the Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition next year. Adam hopes to learn as much as he can about what is needed from attorneys in the labor movement right now and above all wants to be helpful, however minimally, in the labor movement's success.



Brady Root JD '23

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Andrey Chun Sarmiento JD '24

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As a young adult, Brady worked a number of food service jobs where he became familiar with the routine indignities and struggles faced by low-wage workers. Later, he became a proud member of Teamsters Local 117 in northwest Washington state, something that guaranteed him the stability needed to live and complete a technical degree. Brady has a passion for immigrants' rights. While in San Antonio finishing an undergraduate degree, he volunteered with The Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) and helped bring lawyers from the organization to speak to students interested in pursuing legal careers. Brady is currently a staff editor on the ABA Journal of Employment and Labor Law and a die-hard NBA fan. One of three children of Mexican immigrants, Andrey saw the dignity that comes with well-paid work and the ability for immigrant parents to raise three children without a college education. While working on a local political campaign as a teenager, he heard and saw the economic struggles that many rural communities face. He also saw the grit and determination of many communities in rural areas and was inspired to continue working to serve others. After his undergraduate years at James Madison University, Andrey moved to Pennsylvania for law school. There he is a 1L, firstyear, representative for the Student Bar Association and has a strong interest in the intersection between law and economic justice.



Sophia Ruff

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In law school, Sophia is a peer mentor to first-year students and an editor on the Michigan State Law Review. In the summer of 2021, she worked as a volunteer intern at the Michigan Association of Governmental Employees. She learned a lot in this position and is thrilled to be a 2022 Peggy Browning Fellow to continue to work in labor relations. During this summer, Sophia hopes to learn more about player representation and advocacy and make meaningful contributions to the union through her work. In 2019, she taught English classes to a baseball team in Medellín, Colombia with the non-profit More Than a Game. Sophia has a passion for baseball and how it can impact lives around the world.



JD '23

Hugh Schlesinger JD '23

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

Hugh grew up in Athens, GA, working in food service in high school and eventually came to the labor movement when he and his coworkers organized their restaurant in Portland, OR. Since then, he has worked as a union organizer in multiple cities and for a number of unions, including organizing hotel and hospitality workers, graduate student workers, and call center workers. In law school, Hugh has helped found his school's Law and Political Economy student group and served as an executive board member of the Labor Coalition, a worker solidarity student group. Hugh's approach to legal education and practice is informed by his experiences as a worker and within the labor movement. He plans to return to the labor movement after law school.



Jackie Scoboria JD '24

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law Villanova, PA Women's Law Project Philadelphia, PA

As the daughter of two public employees whose careers

were shaped by their union membership, Jackie's

interest in labor law developed at a young age. Her

time at Penn State studying under esteemed labor law

professors provided her with a deeper understanding

of the labor movement. She spent the summer of 2020



Swathi Shanmugasundaram JD '24

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Swathi has an immigration policy degree with minors in intergroup relations education and Asian studies from the University of Michigan. Prior to law school, she spent four years working in civil rights advocacy for immigrant and voting rights. In one role, she helped unionize the workplace which inspired her commitment to the labor rights movement. Swathi is honored to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and excited to learn from her future colleagues this summer.

interning for the Office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Fair Labor Section, working with tenacious labor lawyers who stood up for Pennsylvania's workers. Through this internship, she realized that she had a passion for protecting the rights of workers. Pursuing law school directly after college would be the only way to jumpstart her career. Jackie is ecstatic to be a Peggy Browning Fellow, as this is an opportunity she has been working towards for several years.



Krishnan Sethumadhavan JD '24

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Krishnan's first experience with unions was through his teachers, who pulled double duty as educators and shop stewards. He took his strong passion for economic justice to his college when he became involved in Students for a Democratic Society. With a degree in Economics, Krishnan worked in consulting and saw the stark differences in the rights and benefits enjoyed by unionized workers compared to the unorganized. That realization led him to a growing interest in the labor movement and eventually to enroll in law school, with the goal of helping workers build power. Krishnan is a member of his school's Law Students for Economic Justice, providing resources to and building connections with unionized NYU workers. He believes that the cause of labor is truly the hope of the world.



Paul T. Sindberg JD '23

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After interning with unions like UFCW Local 881 and organizing against campus sexual violence at Brandeis University, Paul worked on an anti-carceral campaign, as a Sorensen Fellow, opposing violence against queer people in Tshwane, South Africa. When graduate workers at Brandeis unionized with SEIU, Paul felt the radical potential of the labor movement. In SEIU's Union Organizer-in-Training Program, they organized with low-wage workers in Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, Los Angeles, Portland, and elsewhere. In law school, Paul is a Toll Public Interest Fellow and the founding Volunteer Director of the Compassionate Release Collaborative, a pro bono project with the Abolitionist Law Center. Their other pro bono work has supported union organizing campaigns, non-reformist criminal justice reform, mutual aid projects, and criminal record expungement.



Brandon Smith JD '24

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Brandon was born and raised in Maplewood, NJ, and graduated from Temple University with a bachelor's in art history. He moved through various low wage jobs and was often unhappy with the treatment he and his coworkers received. While working to develop software for Taft-Hartley funds, he realized that unions are the best method of securing exceptional benefits and relieving the stress placed on workers. From there, he moved on to the Philadelphia Museum of Art where he became involved in union organizing and successfully campaigned to secure a yes vote in the election. His organizing experience helped Brandon develop an interest in becoming a labor attorney so he could continue to fight for the rights of workers.



Emma Steiner

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A Public Service Scholar, Emma is pursuing a legal career in order to advocate for workers and migrants. At law school, she has participated in Pro Bono legal services with Bet Tzedek's Employment Rights Project and Public Council's Mobile Homeowner Advocacy. Prior to law school, Emma worked as a paralegal at the New York Legal Assistance Group in the Immigration Protection Unit and Brooklyn Defender Services in the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project. At both, she supported attorneys defending immigrants in immigration court. Emma's interest in labor and employment developed during college reporting on the unionization of Tufts' adjunct professors, janitorial staff, and dining staff. She studied the history and politics of labor unions in Chile and supported migrants seeking legal status and employment authorization.



Hannah Cohen Smith JD '24

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Hannah received her B.A. in Government from Smith College. She attributes her commitment to workers' rights to watching her father advocate for educators and serve as president of his teachers' union, the Seminole Education Association, a local of FEA. After graduation, Hannah managed a legislative campaign in Florida. She then moved to Washington, D.C., where she coordinated grassroots advocacy efforts focused on voting rights and immigration for a national nonprofit. Hannah also worked in the legal department of a progressive PAC, and in local government in Tucson, Arizona, before heading to law school. She currently serves on the boards of the Women Law Students Association and the Street Law Pro Bono Project, where she teaches weekly legal lessons to kids at the Washtenaw County Juvenile Detention Center.



Haven Sunderland (Campbell) JD '23

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Haven completed their bachelor's degree in Cultural Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh and attended the Romani Music, Culture, and Human Rights program in the Czech Republic and Hungary. There, they researched how racism and classism against Roma across Europe contributed to substance abuse disorders. They also lived in the Indian Himalayas where they studied diverse cultures, religions, and ecologies. Haven completed another B.A. in Psychology and earned an M.A. in International Human Rights, specializing in Forced Labor and Human Trafficking and US foreign policy. During this time, Haven conducted and published labor trafficking research and engaged with El Centro Humanitario, which works on behalf of immigrant day laborers experiencing wage theft. They realized that labor advocacy is one of most impactful forms of human rights advocacy.

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Philip Tapley, Jr. JD '23

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Born and raised in Augusta, Georgia, Philip is a first-

generation college student holding two degrees from

the University of Georgia. Via his experience as a

service industry worker, activist, and teacher, Philip developed a worldview and politics centered around the

importance of working-class issues. After co-founding

a new chapter of Democratic Socialists of America in

Athens, GA, Philip decided to attend law school to

become a more effective advocate for poor and workingclass people. His experiences in law school include time

with Atlanta Legal Aid, the Public Interest Project, and

the National Labor Relations Board. Philip is excited

to continue developing legal and organizing skills to

fight for the labor movement and for a more just and



Kaleb TerBush

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The son of union teachers, Kaleb was born and raised in the Great Lakes Bay Region, where he attended community college before earning his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Michigan. Before law school, he earned a master's in philosophy and taught as a member of the Teaching Assistants Union (AFT Local 1729), also serving as the department union steward. During law school, Kaleb has represented unemployment insurance claimants in the Workers' Rights Clinic, co-led the Eviction Defense Team, and sat on the executive board of the National Lawyers Guild student chapter. He spent last summer assisting clients with eviction proceedings, public benefits claims, and expungements. Kaleb looks forward to a career in the labor movement advocating for workers and a more economically just society.



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Anthony G. Tenney JD '24

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Anthony frequently moved as a child before attending high school in St. Marys, Ohio. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from Ohio State University. In high school, Anthony began working at neighbors' farms and the local McDonald's. He continued working in the service industry throughout school and after graduation, when he lost his job due to the COVID lockdown. That's when he decided to return to school to become a labor lawyer. His experiences in the service industry and family history in unions led him to pursue this work. Anthony plans to work with fellow service industry workers to build strong communities with solid jobs through organizing and unionization.



Ryan Thomas

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Ryan is from a family with an extensive union background. From the first generation that arrived in the United States, his family has always been connected to unions and has always done everything they can to support workers' rights. This family history has instilled in him the benefits that union jobs provide to all workers. Ryan attended Duquesne University for his undergraduate degree. While there, he supported an unsuccessful unionization attempt of adjunct professors on campus. Also, he wrote a paper on the union wage gap that is present across the country. Ryan was a member of LiUNA and is excited to have the opportunity to continue to fight for workers' rights this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



Maceo Torres-Trujillo JD '23

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Maceo grew up in Brooklyn, NY, as the son of parents

who worked in the labor movement organizing workers across the country. Their work inspired him and led

him to spend each summer interning with 1199SEIU during his undergraduate years. While at 1199SEIU,

Maceo witnessed the everyday struggles of essential

workers to receive fair pay and equal treatment, as well

as the power of labor unions to represent and empower

workers. After college, he worked on national and

local political campaigns and issue advocacy. Then he

focused on policy and legislation at the NYC Mayor's Office. Maceo's advocacy for workers' rights legislation

underscored the legal tools he needed to make more

of an impact defending workers and advancing the



Lauren VanderZyden JD '24

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At the University of Michigan, Lauren graduated with double majors in Spanish and Sociology with a focus in Law, Justice, and Social Change. There, she assisted a professor in conducting research into the effects of implicit bias in academic testing scenarios. Eventually she went on to design her own research project examining the impacts of microaggressions on the social confidence of students. Lauren focused on coursework specific to American immigration and human rights and is passionate about the preservation and promotion of the rights of American immigrants, especially to work in safe conditions. Seeing the impact that unions can have in uplifting and providing resources to marginalized workers sparked Lauren's interest in the labor movement.



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Stephanie Ulan JD '24

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Stephanie's passion for workers' rights started as a paralegal, working on wage and hour cases at a small firm in Manhattan. Not only did she learn about the prevalence of workers' rights violations, but also how undocumented workers were disproportionately impacted. She also gained an appreciation for unions, as she realized that so many privileges she had as a child were thanks to her parents' unions, DC37 and 1199SEIU. In 2020, Stephanie advocated for her own labor rights, while working at the non-profit Justice in Motion, forming a union with her coworkers to secure necessary benefits amid a global pandemic. A proud Queens native, Stephanie is so excited to develop as a labor advocate while defending workers in her hometown.



Jason Vazquez

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Harvard Law School Cambridge, MA American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) Washington, DC

Jason studied history at the Ohio State University and spent a year working as a substitute teacher before starting law school. He came to law school committed to pursuing a career in labor law. Jason grew up in a small town in Ohio, and his passion for the labor movement was sparked when he began working nearly full-time in the restaurant industry as a college student. After witnessing the cruelty of wage labor, the misery of poverty, and the brutality of economic exploitation, Jason resolved to fight for a more equitable economic system. In law school, he has been involved with the Labor and Employment Action Project and is a member of the Wage Practice. This is Jason's second PBF fellowship working last summer for Greater Boston Legal Services.



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Berenice Villalobos JD '24

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A large percentage of Priscila's legal experience has As a first-generation Latina and daughter to an focused on access to justice issues. Most recently, she immigrant working-class family, Berenice is passionate has spearheaded the effort to expand the availability about economic justice and workers' rights. She grew of interpretation services for legal aid nonprofits up in a diverse working-class community and was across the state of Nevada through her previous exposed to injustice at an early age. Berenice graduated summer fellowship at Legal Aid Center of Southern magna cum laude from Miami University of Ohio where Nevada. Priscila's interest in the intersection of labor she worked with various organizations throughout and immigration emerged out of her volunteer service Ohio to bridge the gap in access to vital resources, like in wage theft clinics hosted by Arriba Las Vegas. In legal representation for communities of color. Prior law school, she is involved with student organizations to law school, she worked with the Chicago Lawyers' such as the National Lawyers Guild, the Immigrant Committee for Civil Rights where she combined law, Rights Coalition, and La Voz, which is dedicated to research, and community building to tackle some empowering Hispanic students in the law. Priscila of our country's most pressing issues from housing is excited to learn more about advancing immigrant discrimination to the school-to-prison pipeline. Her workers' rights through community organizing and work is rooted in restorative justice, racial equity, and learning about the power of collective action this trauma-responsive community lawyering.

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