



# PBF 2025

THE PEGGY BROWNING FUND  
FELLOWS BROCHURE

# MEET OUR FELLOWS

## 2025

The Peggy Browning Fund is excited to present the Fellowship class of 2025! This summer, these 116 exceptional law students will dedicate their time advancing the cause of workers' rights by working for labor unions, worker centers and labor related not-for-profit organizations, and union-side law firms. Labor needs lawyers now more than ever. With increasing attacks on the NLRB and its authority, the targeting of union members and leaders, threats on migrant workers and their safety, and a general trend of democratic backsliding - worker solidarity has never been more crucial. As you read through and learn more about our Fellows, it is clear that they understand the value of not only fighting for justice in the workplace but defending liberatory values in all facets of society. They represent the future of workplace justice lawyers and the new generation of labor law leaders - and they're more than up for the challenge!

For almost 30 years, the Peggy Browning Fund has been a bridge between law students and the labor movement. Since our inception, we've offered more and more opportunities to students - this year is no different, encompassing the 2nd largest cohort we've ever seen. We, along with every partnering mentor organization, are honored to ensure that dedicated law students continually have access to real-world training where they can refine their legal skills, gain practical experience, and develop their professional network. We could not do this without collaboration and commitment from our partners.

Finally, we'd like to share our deepest thanks to everyone who plays a role in making PBF the powerhouse it is today. With a very small staff - only 3 employees - we remain extremely dedicated to bringing our programs across the country. 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. We say with confidence and admiration that every student in this brochure is there because of the overwhelming belief in our mission: empowering the next generation of workplace justice advocates. We hope you join us in congratulating our 2025 PBF Fellows!

**In Solidarity,**

**Ruby Tumas, Robert Young, and Kyra Kopacz**

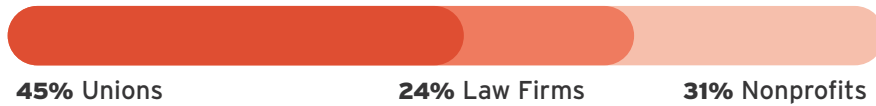
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# 2025 FELLOWS AT A GLANCE

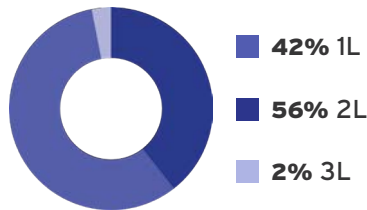
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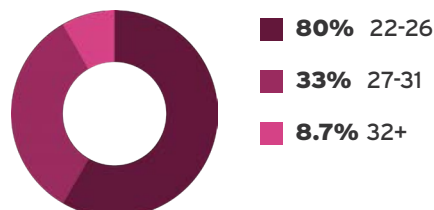
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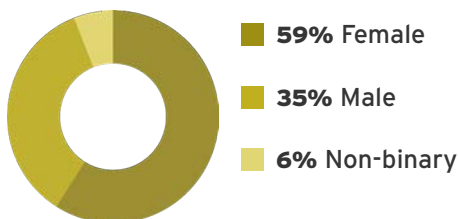
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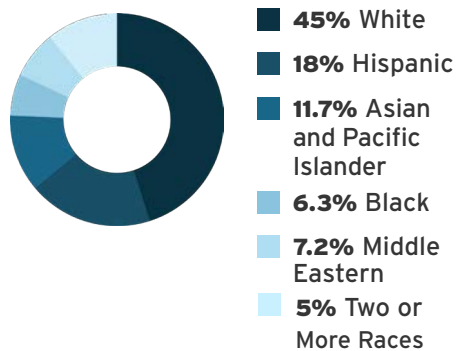
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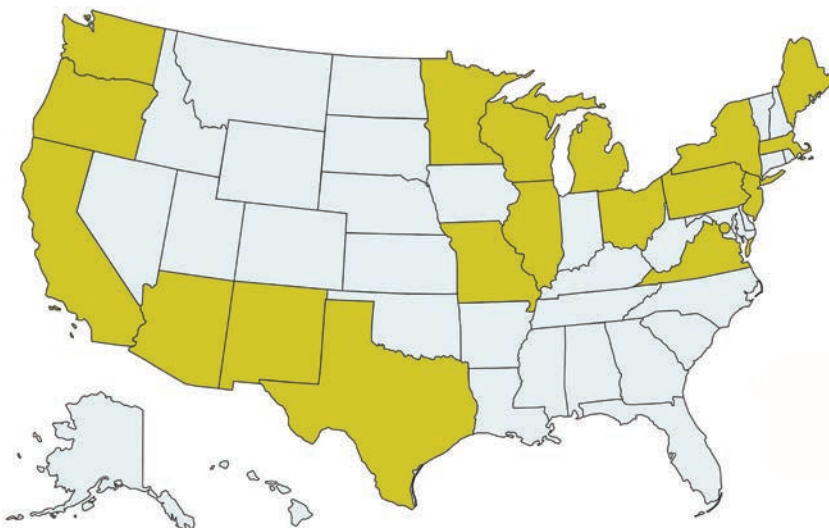
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## ETHNICITY



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## SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

American University Washington College of Law  
 Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law  
 Brooklyn Law School  
 Cardozo School of Law  
 Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology  
 Cleveland State University of Law  
 Columbia Law School  
 Cornell Law School  
 CUNY School of Law  
 Duke University School of Law  
 Florida State University College of Law  
 Fordham University School of Law  
 Georgetown University Law Center  
 Harvard Law School  
 Howard University School of Law  
 Indiana University Maurer School of Law  
 New York University School of Law  
 Northeastern University School of Law  
 Northeastern University School of Law  
 Northwestern Pritzker School of Law  
 Penn State Dickinson Law  
 University of Pittsburgh School of Law  
 Rutgers Law School- Newark  
 Saint Louis University School of Law  
 Seattle University Law School  
 Stanford Law School  
 Stanford University School of Law  
 Temple University Beasley School of Law  
 The George Washington University Law School  
 UCLA School of Law  
 University of California College of the Law, San Francisco  
 University of California, Davis School of Law  
 University of California, Irvine School of Law  
 University of Chicago School of Law  
 University of Denver Sturm College of Law  
 University of Houston Law Center  
 University of Iowa College of Law  
 University of Michigan Law School  
 University of Minnesota Law School  
 University of New Mexico School of Law  
 University of North Carolina School of Law  
 University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School  
 University of San Francisco School of Law  
 University of Texas at Austin School of Law  
 University of Virginia School of Law  
 University of Washington School of Law  
 University of Wisconsin Law School  
 University of Iowa College of Law  
 Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law  
 Washington University St. Louis School of Law  
 William and Mary Law School  
 Yale Law School



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

*She/Her*  
Duke University School of Law | New  
York State United Teachers, NYC,  
NY

Originally from 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, representing hotel and gaming workers in New York and New Jersey. At Duke Law School, Yasmine has volunteered with the Immigrant and Refugee Project, Fair Chance Expunction Clinic, and the International Human Rights Pro Bono Program. She is the incoming co-president of the Government and Public Service Society and is a member of the Duke Law Labor and Workers Rights Alliance. Yasmine is excited to join the Peggy Browning community and looks forward to working with New York State United Teachers.



## **SHAWN ALI, JD 2026**

*He/Him*  
Georgetown University Law Center |  
National Treasury Employees Union  
(NTEU), DC

Shawn grew up in Marietta, Georgia. He attended Emory University where he studied history. While attending Emory University, he became involved with the Bernie Sanders campaign and was president of the Emory chapter of Students for Bernie. It was while working with the campaign as a student organizer that Shawn realized how important labor unions are to ensuring that workers are treated fairly in this country. Many of the workers he spoke to while canvassing described their precarity in the workplace because of the poor labor laws in the South. He originally planned on working as a union organizer upon graduation, but as a result of graduating during the pandemic, the timing didn't work out. Still, he felt committed to the labor movement and decided instead to pursue a career representing workers through the law.



## **ALFRICK ARUN, JD 2026**

*He/Him*  
University of Virginia School of Law  
| Service Employees International  
Union (SEIU), DC

Alfie's passion for worker's rights grew from his experience working as a dishwasher in high school. In college, his focus on economic justice, workplace safety, and health justice courses further deepened his concern for workers and opened his eyes to the strength of unions. He began volunteering to teach sessions on organizing tactics to local non-unionized workers and helped fundraise for the Philadelphia Starbucks Union on his campus. Before law school, Alfie graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, where he double-majored in Political Science and Public Health. In law school, Alfie continued his fight for workers, spending his 1L summer working at the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission clerking for an Administrative Law Judge. During his 2L year, he represented Virginia state employees pro bono in state grievance proceedings. Alfie is honored and excited to spend his 2L summer at SEIU to continue his fight for workers.



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

*He/Him*  
University of Minnesota Law School  
| Make the Road New Jersey, NJ

Nathanael is a Robina Public Interest Scholar dedicated to advancing workers' rights and economic justice in the United States 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 England 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 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. At Minnesota Law, he is actively involved with the National Lawyers Guild, Student Labor and Employment Law Association, and Black Law Students Association. He is also proud to be part of an ongoing unionization effort by Minnesota Law student workers with AFSCME Council 5.





## **BESSIE BAUMAN, JD 2026**

*She/Her*

Yale Law School | Chicago News  
Guild School-Year 2024-2025, IL

Bessie was raised in Olathe, Kansas. She studied Economics at Yale College where she became interested in addressing wealth inequality and generating economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income households. After college, Bessie worked as an organizer for Colorado WINS, Local 1876 where she supported Colorado state employees in improving their workplaces. At law school, Bessie is involved with Local 33, the union representing graduate workers; the Yale Law's Veterans Legal Services Clinic; and the Yale Journal on Regulation. Prior to her Peggy Browning Fund fellowship, Bessie interned at the National Labor Relations Board, Division of Judges. Bessie is grateful for the opportunity to support the Chicago News Guild as she pursues a career advancing economic and workplace justice for all.



## **JULIA BERGEL, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

New York University School of Law |  
New York State United Teachers, NY

Julia was raised in Montgomery County, MD and received her B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Rochester in 2022. She is passionate about uplifting marginalized workers, specifically early childhood educators. As a fourth generation educator, witnessing first hand the problems teachers face in non unionized sectors further cemented her drive to pursue labor law. Julia hopes to use her law degree to represent and protect teachers and students, whether that be in house at a union or on the policy side. She is thrilled to be working with New York State United Teachers as a PBF this summer.



## **AARON BERNSTEIN, JD 2026**

*He/Him*

The George Washington University  
Law School | Cohen, Weiss and  
Simon LLP, NY

Before law school, Aaron organized with healthcare workers across his home commonwealth with the Service Employees International Union, Healthcare Pennsylvania, where he was inspired to become a lawyer by his experiences at the bargaining table. Last summer, Aaron clerked for the National Labor Relations Board's Contempt, Compliance, and Special Litigation Branch, working to support lawyers in offensive and defensive litigation at the federal level, and this spring he is clerking with the legal department of the Communications Workers of America. As a student-attorney with George Washington University Law School's Health Equity Policy & Advocacy Clinic, Aaron has developed and litigated from scratch rental housing cases for low-income D.C. residents, arguing successfully before a D.C. Administrative Law Judge for return of a wrongfully-held security deposit. Aaron is thrilled to be joining the team at Cohen, Weiss & Simon this summer as a PBF Fellow and is grateful to the Peggy Browning Fund for providing this opportunity.



## **WILLIAM BLAKE, JD 2027**

*He/Him*

Florida State University College of  
Law | Drivers Union WA, Affiliated  
with Teamsters 117, WA

At the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, William left university to work at United Parcel Service, first as a package handler and soon as a package car driver. He immediately joined the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and, as a rank-and-file organizer, seized every opportunity to strengthen and advance the union movement. On the shopfloor, William engaged daily with supervisors and coworkers on issues related to harassment, contractual rights, and grievance procedures. In 2023, he joined tens of thousands of fellow Teamsters in the fight for a fair contract during the CBA negotiations with UPS. Their efforts culminated in the single largest pay raise in Teamster history, as well as the elimination of a two-tier driver system. While working as a package car driver, William finished his degree in Economics from the University of South Florida and soon pursued an education in law.



## LILY BRITAIN, JD 2027

*She/Her*

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law | Lubin, Enoch, & Bustamante, AZ

Born and raised in Idaho, Lily is a first-generation law student. After moving to Phoenix, she graduated summa cum laude from Grand Canyon University, where she majored in government with a minor in marketing and advertising. Before law school, Lily worked at the Phoenix Dream Center, where she aided in human trafficking prevention, rehabilitation, and awareness efforts through grant writing and involvement in community outreach programs. Lily was exposed to labor law through her work in campaign finance. She led the fundraising efforts for a local legislature candidate in Arizona and worked to fund initiatives involving education, labor, and healthcare. At law school, Lily is involved in the Women Law Student Association as a fundraising committee member and she is looking forward to her upcoming role as a shelter director for the Unhoused Legal Assistance Project. Lily is excited to bring her commitment to advocacy and community service to the field of employment law this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## NICHOLAS BRONSON, JD 2026

*He/Him*

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

Nicholas grew up in Ashburn, Virginia. Before attending law school, he studied History and Sociology at the College of William & Mary, where he gained his first exposure to the concept of workplace justice. During his undergraduate years, he interned at a boutique employment/labor law firm as well as the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. These experiences introduced him to a career in labor law. Nicholas decided to pursue a law degree at George Washington University Law School, where he has focused on developing the skills necessary to advocate for workers' rights. As a law student, he returned to the Department of Labor, this time working in the Office of the Solicitor, where he worked alongside lawyers to combat workplace discrimination. This summer, he will serve as a Peggy Browning Fellow at CWA and is excited to support workers in their fight for fairness and justice.



## DESTINIE BROOKS, JD 2027

*She/They*

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law | Global Labor Justice, DC

Destinie (SHe/They) is a first-year student at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. Born and raised in New Orleans, LA, Destinie attended undergrad at Yale University, obtaining a joint B.A./M.A. in Political Science. Before law school, Destinie worked at premiere civil rights firm Loevy + Loevy in Chicago, IL, growing their interest in civil rights and social justice. At Northwestern, Destinie serves as a student representative in the Public Interest Law Group and Labor & Employment Law Society and is a proud member of the law school's National Lawyers Guild chapter. As a first-generation law student, Destinie's passion for labor blossomed from their personal and professional experiences with incarcerated folks and their upbringing under the guidance of schoolteachers. Seeking a career steeped in economic and racial justice, Destinie is excited to spend the summer deepening the solidarity of the international labor movement as a Global Labor Justice PBF fellow.



## ALLY BROWN, JD 2027

*She/Her*

American University Washington College of Law | SMART (Sheet Metal Workers Union) Local #19, PA

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 the municipal and state-legislative to the presidential level. In her various roles, including serving as Research Director of a female-owned political research consulting firm, Ally held companies accountable for illegal anti-unionization practices and exposed anti-worker legislators and organizations. She's also worked on teams that elected pro-union candidates and fought against billionaires attempting to influence elections. During and after college, she traveled to Florida to protest for better working conditions for migrant farmworkers with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. This summer, Ally looks forward to learning more about the labor movement.



## MARGARET BUDIK, JD 2027

*She/Her*  
University of Pittsburgh School of  
Law | Justice at Work, PA

Margaret's drive for promoting grassroots community support missions is why she pursued a legal career, influenced by her experiences in the immigration and farming sectors. At West Virginia University, Margaret's undergraduate research in International Relations and Russian Studies awarded her the 2017 Boren Scholarship to study in Kazakhstan. Her narrowed passion towards agriculture and farmer aid developed upon her return, starting as a shepherd farm worker at her university's Organic Farm, then volunteering as an Americorps for the food justice non-profit Grow Ohio Valley. Later continuing her language and post-Soviet culture studies at Middlebury, she used her expertise to work as a Ukrainian case manager at a refugee resettlement agency, and after as an immigration paralegal. Margaret will use her law degree to advocate for these missions and continue her commitment to public service with Justice at Work as a Peggy Browning Fellow, fighting to ensure migrant workers' rights are protected.



## VICTORIA CALDERÓN, JD 2026

*They/Them*  
UCLA School of Law | Weinberg,  
Roger & Rosenfeld, CA

Victoria Calderon (they/them) is a rising 3L at UCLA Law. Hailing from Kansas, Victoria received a BA in English and Political Science from the University of Kansas before moving to England to complete a Masters in International Relations and Politics from the University of Cambridge. After school, Victoria worked as an advocate for sexual and domestic violence survivors for several years before moving to California to start law school. Victoria's passion for labor rights was ignited while working at a domestic violence shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic, when they participated in organizing their co-workers to demand better working conditions from an agency that refused to take sufficient safety precautions or provide hazard pay. Victoria has been dedicated to advancing workers' rights since their 1L year at UCLA Law by volunteering with the El Centro Labor and Economic Justice Clinic, which Victoria is now a co-chair of, as well by serving as a board member of the Labor & Employment Law Association. Victoria is particularly interested in the intersection between labor and immigrants' rights and hopes to continue working in this realm after law school.



## DANIEL CASTRO- FERNANDEZ, JD 2026

*He/Him*  
Northeastern University School of  
Law | Pyle Rome Ehrenberg PC, MA

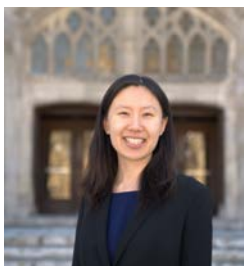
The son of immigrant parents from Colombia, Alejandro's passion for the labor movement stemmed from hearing about his father's experiences organizing peasant laborers in rural Colombia during his youth. A lifelong resident of Boston, Alejandro chose an undergraduate major in history with a focus on the international labor movement, writing his thesis on labor and political conflict in Colombia in the first half of the 20th century. Alejandro then worked for two years as a paralegal at the Boston labor and employment firm Segal Roitman, where he assisted in representing both labor unions and individual employees in vindicating their rights relative to their employers. Inspired by the transformative potential of collective action by organized labor, he is currently a 2L at Northeastern University focusing his studies on labor and employment law. Alejandro is grateful and excited to spend his summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow with Pyle Rome Ehrenberg in Boston.



## BAILEY CHAPIN, JD 2027

*They/Them/All*  
University of California, Davis  
School of Law | Weinberg, Roger &  
Rosenfeld, 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. When studying sociology and art history at UC Davis, that appreciation, respect and admiration for what unions do was built upon by classes that focused on the history of the US American labor movement and its impact on the lives of the working class. While an undergraduate at Davis, Bailey also participated in the multiple pickets and strikes across campus protesting the unfair labor practices of the University of California—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 working with the union-side firm 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 |  
Washington-Baltimore News Guild,  
DC

Dana grew up in Queens, NY 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. At the DOJ, Dana worked on several matters involving the intersection between antitrust and labor on the litigation and policy sides. Through this experience, Dana developed a passion for economic justice and using the law to enforce and advance workers' rights. At Michigan Law, she served as a guardian ad litem in the 1L Advocacy Clinic and is the Public Interest Chair of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. She is thrilled to be a Peggy Browning fellow and looks forward to spending her summer supporting the labor movement.



## BENNETT CICOSKI-SHERR, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Fordham University School of Law |  
United Steelworkers, PA

Bennett is a rising 2L at Fordham Law. At 7 years old, Bennett was diagnosed with Multiple Hereditary Exostoses. As a child, he noticed the difference in care he received compared to patients who lacked health insurance. From this, he became a staunch advocate for the rights of others. Bennett earned a BS in Industrial and Labor Relations with a minor in LGBT Studies from Cornell University and an MSc in International Migration and Public Policy from the London School of Economics. In these programs he learned how unions have secured healthcare for workers, ensured that queer people are safe from discrimination, and prevented the deportation of immigrants. At Fordham, Bennett is a Stein Scholar and the incoming Advocacy Chair for OUTLaws and the Suspension Representation Project. Additionally, he is the incoming Vice President of the Labor and Employment Law Society. Bennett is excited to begin his legal journey as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the United Steelworkers.



## ROSS COLEBROOK, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Seattle University Law School |  
Drivers Union WA, Affiliated with  
Teamsters 117, WA

Ross grew up in Nampa, ID, and went to college at American University in Washington, DC. 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 he is eager to join the fight for workers rights this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow at the Drivers Union in Tukwila, WA.



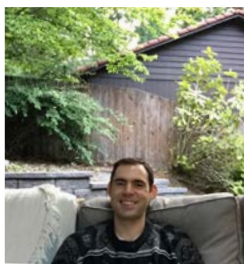
## JASMINE CRAIN, JD 2026

*She/Her*

Cornell Law School | New York State  
Nurses Association, NY

Raised in El Paso, Texas, Jasmine graduated from UT El Paso with a degree in Philosophy and Creative Writing and a minor in Legal Reasoning. Growing up in a border community with a Mexican immigrant mother inspired her to become the first in her family to go to college and pursue a career in public service. Years of hearing about the labor exploitation her mother faced at work motivated Jasmine to advocate for workers' rights and defend vulnerable workers against employer retaliation. As a 2L at Cornell, Jasmine works as a legal intern with the Labor Law Clinic, the Veterans Law Practicum, and serves as the President of the Latin American Law Students Association. She is honored and thrilled to spend her summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) and join the fight for racial justice and healthcare equity.





## **JOSHUA CURRIER, JD 2027**

*He/Him*

Seattle University Law School |  
Drivers Union WA, Affiliated with  
Teamsters 117, WA

Joshua was born and raised in Flint, Michigan, before he moved to Washington State. Inspired by memories of Flint's automotive manufacturing industry and his family's involvement in the United Auto Workers, he gradually took an interest in labor history, and then socialist politics. These interests shaped his academic path, leading him to Seattle University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history. Now a first-generation law student and 1L at Seattle University School of Law, Joshua is excited to begin his legal career as a Peggy Browning Fellow, and this summer, he will work with the Drivers Union in Tukwila. Joshua believes in the importance of building a renewed labor movement in the United States, and he views labor law as one tool, among many, to help achieve that vision.



## **MEHRDAD DARIUSH, JD 2026**

*He/Him*

Yale Law School | International  
Brotherhood of Teamsters, D.C.

The son of Iranian immigrants and public service workers, Mehrdad grew up in Arizona. He graduated from Columbia University, where he studied Middle Eastern history. Before coming to law school, Mehrdad worked as a researcher monitoring the New York state prisons, where he wrote extensively on the issues faced by incarcerated workers. Mehrdad's passion for the labor movement derives from reading labor history, watching the 2023 UPS Teamsters contract negotiations, and working closely with union members in his anti-war community organizing in Connecticut. At Yale Law School, Mehrdad is the co-chair of the Law and Political Economy student group. He believes that, in service of organizing, law can be an effective tool for the labor movement to improve the lives of workers and to strengthen democracy. Mehrdad looks forward to learning what it takes to be an effective union lawyer at the International Brotherhood of Teamsters this summer.



## **SARA DAVID, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

CUNY School of Law | United  
Steelworkers, PA

Sara is a proud Filipino from Queens, New York and 1L 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, securing media's first trans-inclusive healthcare policy, and founded the WGAE's industry-wide organizing committee. 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. She is thrilled to dedicate her life to worker power—and this summer to United Steelworkers!



## **ANDREA DE JESÚS COLÓN, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

University of Michigan Law School |  
Migrant Justice, VT

Andrea M. De Jesús Colón was born in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, and raised in Río Grande, Puerto Rico. She is a Juris Doctor and Master of Public Policy candidate at the University of Michigan. Andrea holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras campus, where she researched gender violence, migration, and Puerto Rico's political status. Her passion for labor and immigration justice stems from her work with asylum seekers at *Al Otro Lado* and the International Rescue Committee, as well as her experience assisting refugees through AmeriCorps NCCC. She recently served as an AmeriCorps VISTA Fellow at *Taller Salud*, tracking legislative policy and documenting Puerto Rico's feminist history. As a Peggy Browning Fellow, Andrea is committed to using direct service and advocacy to protect immigrant workers and advance labor protections.



## **COLLIN DENNY, JD 2026**

*He/Him*

Indiana University Maurer School of Law | Service Employees International Union (SEIU), DC

Collin grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana, and graduated from Indiana University in 2023, where he studied philosophy, political science, and international studies. He is now in IU Maurer School of Law's class of 2026, where he served for a year as the the President of the Labor and Employment Law Society. In that role, he helped organize events with speakers from SEIU and UAW, as well as an information session with the PBF. Born in a union family in the Midwest, Collin has long known that he wanted to fight for the rights of working people, like those he grew up around and was raised by. With those people always in the back of his mind, Collin is very excited for the opportunity to spend his summer advancing the cause of workers' rights as a law clerk for the Service Employees International Union in Washington, D.C.



## **CAELAN DICK, JD 2026**

*He/Him*

Columbia Law School | Hayes Dolce, NY

Caelan Dick is a second-year law student at Columbia Law School, where he is a co-founder of the CLS Workers' Rights Student Coalition (WRSC). At Columbia, Caelan has also served as an organizer with the Student Workers of Columbia-UAW Local 2710, a research assistant for the Columbia Labor Lab, a Board Member of the CLS Law & Political Economy (LPE) Society, and a member of the CLS Mediation Clinic. Last summer, Caelan was a Peggy Browning Fellow at Solidarity Law, PLLC in Portland, ME. Before coming to law school, Caelan worked as an Honors Paralegal at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, DC. In 2019, Caelan graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel with a B.A. in Economics and Political Science.



## **VANESSA DIEP, JD 2027**

*They/She*

UCLA School of Law | Gilbert & Sackman, CA

Vanessa is a first-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.



## **HENRY GARCIA, JD 2027**

*He/Him*

Yale Law School | Bush Gottlieb, A Law Corporation, CA

A proud son of Mexican immigrants, Henry was born and raised in Los Angeles. He earned a B.A. from Stanford University and an M.Ed. from UCLA. He then began a career as an elementary school teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. As an active member of his teachers' union, United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), Henry participated in the 2019 and 2023 teachers' strikes. He helped organize educators and community members to advocate for better working conditions for educators and strengthen community supports for students and their families. Now a first-year student at Yale Law School, Henry is a member of the Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic. This summer he will intern as a Peggy Browning Fellow at the Bush Gottlieb law firm in LA. After law school, Henry will return to LA to work in education and labor litigation, protecting the rights of students and workers.



## **MADELINE GEHRIG, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Saint Louis University School of Law  
| Schuchat, Cook, & Werner, MO

Madeline was born and raised in Alton, Illinois. While attending Saint Louis University and earning her bachelor's degree in political science and biology, she worked full-time as a server at Union Station Hotel. There, she developed a passion for workers' rights after she initiated and helped organize a union campaign with UNITE HERE Local 74. Though unsuccessful, the campaign taught her how to fight the good fight, and showed her that working conditions can be changed and improved through solidarity, empathy, and understanding. A returning fellow, last summer she was fortunate enough to work with the incredible team at Sugar Law Center in Detroit. She is so excited to further her passion for workers' rights with the team at Schuchat, Cook, & Werner this summer. In her free time, she enjoys thrifting, hanging out with her dog Blair, and going to the movies.



## **TEHYA GERBINO, JD 2027**

*She/Her*  
William and Mary Law School |  
National Treasury Employees Union  
(NTEU), DC

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 investigated state agency budgets, potential fraud, and the misuse of public funds. She also 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 and employment law, particularly workers' rights, continued to develop through her work for a nonprofit organization in which she conducted research on the impact of federal budget decisions on healthcare workers and teachers. These experiences provided valuable insight into the challenges workers face and deepened her understanding of legal advocacy's critical role in supporting worker rights. She is excited to continue her work supporting public sector federal employees with the NTEU this summer in DC.



## **IVY GIRDWOOD, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
CUNY School of Law | MLBPA, NY

Ivy Girdwood grew up in South Minneapolis, Minnesota. She studied political science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to coming to law school, Ivy worked part-time in the service industry and full-time at a law firm specializing in the representation of teenagers. In her free time, Ivy began volunteering as a Civil Facilitative Mediator for the Conflict Resolution Center, which she continues to do today. In law school, Ivy has worked with the New York Attorney General's Labor Bureau, supporting investigations of egregious labor law violations on behalf of New York workers. Ivy has also interned with the Director's Guild of America, assisting collective bargaining, union governance, and grievance investigations. Working within an entertainment guild, she has witnessed how union power can shape an entire industry. She cannot wait to learn more about the role of unions in the sports industry with MLBPA this summer. She is excited for this chance to support the representation of Major and Minor League Baseball Players and work within a union built on a historic legacy of powerful organizing and player solidarity.



## **FREEDOM GOBEL, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Georgetown University Law Center  
| United Food and Commercial  
Workers International Union, DC

Freedom is a rising 3rd year J.D. candidate at the Georgetown University Law Center, and a graduate of Northwestern University with a B.A. in Legal Studies. Before law school, she worked as a barista, bartender, server, and retail worker, and is passionate about advocating for the rights of working people, especially those from marginalized backgrounds. During her 1L summer, Freedom was a law clerk at First Shift Justice Project, fighting for the workplace rights of pregnant people, parents, and caregivers in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Beyond her interest in labor and employment law, she is the Senior Symposium Editor for the Georgetown Law Journal, President of the Women of Color Collective, Communications Director for the Abolition Advocacy Project, and Assistant Musical Director for Georgetown LawCappella. Freedom is thrilled to join the labor movement with UFCW this summer.



## JAIME GOCHEZ, JD 2025

He/Him

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

Jaime was born in San Francisco but raised in South City. He earned his bachelor's degree in history from UC Berkeley. Before law school, Jaime worked in academic science publishing at the Public Library of Science (PLOS). Following a disability leave from a traumatic near-death accident, he co-founded the PLOS Union. His organizing efforts culminated in a successful union election that addressed misclassification, outsourcing, and unfair employee evaluations, ultimately securing a classification award for qualifying employees. This experience advocating for worker rights inspired Jaime to pursue a legal career focused on collective empowerment and workplace equity. Last summer, he supported low-wage, monolingual workers at Centro Legal de la Raza's Workers' Rights Clinic, where he guided clients through the EEOC and CRD processes after evening intakes. Jaime is excited to be a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer and to advance worker power with Weinberg, Roger and Rosenfeld.



## GABRIEL NICHOLAS GONZALEZ III, JD 2026

He/Him

University of California College of  
the Law, San Francisco | Beeson  
Tayer & Bodine, APC, CA

Originally from South San Francisco, California, Nick comes from a Mexican-American family and is a son and grandson of union members. Nick holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Southern California and a Master's in Public Policy from Georgetown University. Nick brings a background in policy research and political advocacy having worked at the UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute, the Latino Victory Project, Georgetown's Workers' Rights Institute, and for several elected officials. Nick has authored multiple publications detailing the benefits of unions for immigrants and workers of color. At Georgetown, Nick interned in the U.S. Senate and served on the Bargaining Committee of Georgetown's graduate student labor union. After law school, Nick seeks to support union organizing, collective bargaining, and pro-worker public policy. Nick is honored to be a returning PBF Fellow and eager to continue learning from his colleagues



## ANNA GORSKI, JD 2027

She/Her

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

Anna is a first generation law student who grew up in Southern California and Brazil. She holds a BA in Political Science from UC Davis. She worked for a federal public defender and served an Americorps year at a legal aid nonprofit in Oakland, CA where she helped clients petition to have their criminal records expunged in order to ensure equal hiring opportunities. Seeing how well paying employment drastically diminishes the violent cycle of incarceration drove her to join the labor movement. At UC Law SF she organizes with the United Legal Educators UAW student worker union and is a 1L representative for the Employment and Labor Law Student Association. She is excited to advocate for union power at Neyhart, Anderson, Flynn, and Grosboll this summer.



## JOCELYN GRANADOS MEJIA, JD 2027

She/Her

University of Washington School of  
Law | Fair Work Center & Working  
Washington, WA

Jocelyn Granados Mejia is the proud immigrant daughter of Maricela and Arnulfo who committed the greatest act of love by migrating to this country. Although she and more than 11.4 million undocumented immigrants continue to be systematically silenced, Jocelyn is committed to amplifying undocumented voices. As an undocumented Latina growing up in a rural farm working community led her to advocate for her family and community. Navigating various legal systems equips her with the knowledge to work alongside her community to fight for everyone's liberation. Throughout her undergraduate career, Mejia was intentionally involved in coalition building because she recognizes the importance of intersectional organizing. That is why she aspires to be a community and movement lawyer with a holistic approach by prioritizing human dignity and treating everyone with the respect they deserve.



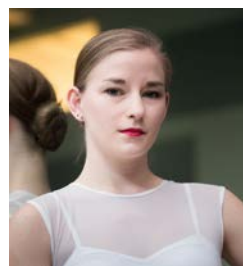


## JUSTIN GRAVLEE, JD 2026

*He/Him*

CUNY School of Law | New York  
State United Teachers, NY

Before law school, Justin was a laborer and an organizer. Over the years, he worked numerous jobs across disparate industries, from healthcare to food service to education. After finding his footing as a bike messenger in NYC, he helped found a worker's cooperative that was able to provide him a living wage and a democratic workplace. Laboring across unionized, non-unionized, and worker-owned jobs taught Justin the value of solidarity and the power workers have when they come together to fight for their collective benefit. Justin brings this lived experience to his Peggy Browning Fellowship at NYSUT. He is grateful for the opportunity to work and learn at a large and powerful labor union fighting for educators across New York. With anti-union, anti-immigrant, and anti-educator forces bearing down on us, Justin is proud to stand on the side of organized labor in its fight for social and economic justice for all.



## BETH GRIFFIN, JD 2026

*She/Her*

Northwestern Pritzker School of  
Law | United Food and Commercial  
Workers International Union, DC

Beth Griffin (She/Her) hails from Washington, DC and is a current student at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, where she serves in the MacArthur Justice Center's civil rights litigation clinic, is the Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Northwestern Law Journal des Refusés, co-chairs the student chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and plays drums in the school rock group, Learned Band. A classically trained dancer, Beth spent over a decade as a freelance artist and arts administrator, experiencing firsthand the vital difference a union contract makes in the ability of artists and production crews to earn fair wages and working conditions. She looks forward to developing her skills as a legal advocate for workers and is thrilled for the opportunity to support the members of United Food and Commercial Workers International Union this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## AITAN GROENER, JD 2026

*They/Them*

New York University School of  
Law | Communications Workers of  
America (CWA), DC

Aitan Groener is a 2L law student at NYU School of Law, a Root Tilden Kern Fellow, and a Jacobsen Scholar. They grew up in Cape Town, South Africa and later in St. Louis Missouri. After graduating from Washington University in St. Louis, Aitan moved to New York City and joined the Avodah Jewish Service Corps while working as a paralegal for Lennox Hill Neighborhood House, a settlement house providing legal resources and other services to immigrants and low income New Yorkers in East Harlem. They then spent four years working as a paralegal advocate at Brooklyn Legal Services where they provided direct assistance with housing and public benefits issues. Last summer, Aitan interned with the New Economy Project, helping people with debt collection, banking scams, and other financial justice issues. They are excited to join the Communications Workers of America as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer and start a career in service of the labor movement!?



## MEREDITH GUDESBLATT, JD 2026

*She/Her*

Harvard Law School | Murphy  
Anderson, DC

Meredith is pursuing a legal career to work at the intersection of migration, labor, and human rights to advance justice for migrant workers. This is her second summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow. She spent last summer with Workers Defense Project contributing to organizing efforts in Houston and Austin. Prior to law school, Meredith worked with unaccompanied immigrant children as a paralegal in the South.. She also lived in Chiapas, Mexico as a Fulbright Scholar, and completed a graduate degree in Migration and Development with Middlebury College in Spain. Her experiences working with survivors of human trafficking and advocating for clients who experienced exploitative and abusive labor practices made her determined to expand her knowledge of labor and employment law.



## **BRITNEY S. GUIRAND, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Rutgers Law School- Newark |  
PowerSwitch Action, CA

Britney Guirand, a Long Island native, developed a passion for workers' rights as the daughter of a 1199SEIU member. She earned her bachelor's degree in Legal Studies from St. John's University. While attending St. John's, she interned with the NYC DEP's EEO Unit where she coordinated diversity initiatives and promoted inclusion. As a J.D. candidate at Rutgers Law-Newark, she serves as Co-Vice President of Community Affairs for the Association of Black Law Students and as an Associate Editor for the Race & the Law Review. With a deep commitment to workers' rights and economic justice, Britney aims to use her legal education to support collective action, equitable labor policies, and systemic change. As a Peggy Browning Fellow with PowerSwitch Action, she looks forward to advancing workers' rights and supporting community-led economic development.



## **MAYA GULANI, JD 2027**

*She/Her*  
University of Wisconsin Law School |  
Sugar Law, MI

Maya is a first-year law student at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, she completed her bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Cincinnati. As an undergrad, Maya interned for the Ohio Innocence Project, which motivated her to eventually attend law school so that she can help vulnerable people. Her interest in labor law then developed while working as a graduate assistant. In Ohio, graduate students are barred from unionizing, the result being a lack of negotiating power and low graduate pay, putting graduate students in financially vulnerable positions. Now, Maya wants to use her position as a future attorney to advocate for workers and unions so that working people have access to fair pay and benefits and are treated with dignity and respect. She is thrilled to further this goal by working at the Sugar Law Center as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer.



## **CELIA "CJ" GUST, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Penn State Dickinson Law |  
Communications Workers of  
America (CWA), DC

Coming from a family of operating engineers, autoworkers, and teachers, CJ was fortunate to see firsthand the dignity and power affords to workers and their families. At Penn State Law, CJ found mentorship and inspiration in the Labor & Employment Society which she now leads. CJ interned last summer at the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board, confirming her dedication to practicing labor law. Throughout law school, she has been involved in the local labor movement through the Seven Mountains AFL-CIO Chapter and most importantly, with the CGE-UAW campaign to organize her fellow graduate students at Penn State. This campaign has challenged her to develop hands-on skills in talking to coworkers, getting cards signed, and preparing for the election and bargaining. CJ looks forward to strengthening her advocacy skills working for the Communications Workers of America this summer.



## **YESSENIA GUTIERREZ, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
University of Minnesota Law School  
| Cummins & Cummins, LLP, MN

Yessenia previously worked for the Philadelphia Department of Labor, earning a 2023 Integrity Icon award. She and her coworkers successfully organized under AFSCME Local 2187 and for increased funding for the department, libraries, and recreation centers. Proudly from a Central American working-class family, Yessenia has a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Biology, and Latin American and Latino Studies. She has been active in community organizing for over a decade, and previously worked as a union organizer. As a second-year student at UMN, she was President of the Student Employment and Labor Law Association, Co-President of the Asylum Law Project, and helped unionize law student workers under AFSCME Council 5. Last summer, she was a Peggy Browning Fellow with the UAW. Long-term, she hopes to represent workers in the Just Transition. She is thrilled to learn from the dedicated team at Cummins & Cummins this summer.



## **TARYN HANSON, JD 2027**

*She /Her*

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

Taryn first became interested in labor issues at an early age. She is the daughter and niece of SMART Local #18 Sheet Metal Workers and the granddaughter of a union Ironworker. Her upbringing introduced her to the daily hard work that union members put into their communities and the legal setbacks that they often face. Such experiences inspire her to advocate for worker's rights and ensure that unions and their members get the rights they deserve. Prior to law school, Taryn attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she studied Philosophy and Public Policy. She took a gap semester to work as a paralegal for the Wisconsin Department of Justice in the Special Litigation and Appeals Unit. Taryn is thrilled to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and is looking forward to learning more about the evolving field of labor law.



## **SEGAN HELLE, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Northeastern University School  
of Law | Greater Boston Legal  
Services, MA

Segan is a first-year law student and a Law, Equity & Race Scholar at Northeastern University School of Law. She grew up in Chula Vista, California. Her father is a public school teacher and her mother is an artist and retail worker. She earned her A.B. in Social Studies from Harvard College in 2020 and her MEd from Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2022. Prior to beginning law school, Segan was a high school history teacher at a charter school where she helped organize their first educators union. She is looking forward to learning more about how to support and advance the labor movement at Greater Boston Legal Services this summer.



## **TAYLOR HORTON, JD 2026**

*He/Him*

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois  
Institute of Technology | United  
Auto Workers, International Union  
(UAW), MI

Taylor grew up in a union household in Chicago. A formative experience was walking with his dad, a member of the AFT, in solidarity with a picket line of teachers during the 2012 Chicago Teachers Strike. As an undergrad, he studied the history of the labor movement, including writing a seminar paper on the Ludlow Massacre. After working as an AmeriCorps member and an Illinois Legislative Staff Intern, he decided to pursue a legal career to fight for workers' rights. As a 2L student at Chicago-Kent College of Law, he has developed his interest in Labor and Employment law by interning at his school's Employment Litigation Clinic and as an extern for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He is honored to be chosen as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer and is excited to contribute to the UAW's trailblazing efforts to reinvigorate the labor movement.



## **MARISA HOULAHAN, JD 2027**

*She/Her*

Yale Law School | United  
Steelworkers, PA

Marisa grew up in the Midwest and developed an interest in worker organizing as an undergraduate at Harvard College, where she wrote a thesis on migrant labor in the Bangladeshi cargo ship recycling industry. After graduating, she completed a Michael C. Rockefeller Fellowship in Uruguay before returning to the U.S. to work for five years with migrant farmworker organizations enforcing worker-authored codes of labor and housing standards in the agriculture industry. In law school, she is a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, the UNITE HERE Local 33 law students organizing committee, and Yale's National Lawyers Guild chapter. Marisa looks forward to working with United Steelworkers this summer.



## MICHAEL HOWLAND-DEWAR, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Temple University Beasley School of Law | Katz Friedman Eisenstein Johnson Bareck & Bertuca/Chicago News Guild, IL

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. He worked on campaigns in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and returned 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, ranging from serving as a union-side election observer for UChicago graduate students to walking picket lines with UNITE-HERE in their strike for better pay at South Philadelphia's stadiums. Michael matriculated to Temple Law School with the goal of becoming a labor lawyer.



## JORDAN JAIN, JD 2026

*He/Him*

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

After graduating from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in sociology and international studies, Jordan worked as a higher education organizer in Maryland with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). He supported part-time professors in unionizing their workplaces and improving working conditions at Maryland's largest community colleges. Experiencing challenges like employer retaliation, he was inspired to attend law school to gain the legal skills needed to help workers understand their rights and improve their workplaces. Last summer, as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the United Steelworkers (USW), Jordan conducted legal research, drafted position statements to the NLRB, and helped prepare worker witnesses for NLRB investigations. During law school, Jordan serves as president of the Northeastern Employment & Labor Law Association (NELLA), a student organization that promotes worker-side labor and employment law on campus. Jordan is excited to continue to advocate for workers and their unions as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer with O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue.



## YANA KALMYKA, JD 2027

*She/They*

Stanford University School of Law | Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld, CA

Yana is a rising 2L at Stanford Law School, where she co-leads the Workers' Rights Pro Bono, the Stanford National Lawyers' Guild chapter, and the Stanford Prison Abolition and Resources Coalition. She also serves as a Student Representative on the NLG's national Labor & Employment Steering Committee. Yana's commitment to the labor movement stems from her experiences as the proud daughter of working-class immigrants. Before law school, she led student-labor solidarity work in college and supported low-wage worker unionization efforts as a staff organizer. After earning a B.S. in Labor Relations from Cornell, Yana worked on new organizing in the food service, warehousing, and construction sectors, and helped workers across the country develop campaigns with intersectional demands for labor and climate justice. Yana is honored to join the Peggy Browning community and support the important work of union and worker representation as a summer clerk at Weinberg, Roger and Rosenfeld.



## EMILY KAPLAN, JD 2026

*She/Her*

University of North Carolina School of Law | Murphy Anderson, DC

Emily Kaplan grew up in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Government & Politics and Economics. After college, she worked progressive campaigns before joining Jewish Voice for Peace Action, a multiracial, intergenerational movement of Jews and allies working towards justice equality for Palestinians and Israelis, utilizing a network of grassroots leaders to transform U.S. policy. Emily's commitment to workers' rights began when she served on the JVP Union bargaining committee, where she helped negotiate the union's first collective bargaining agreement, securing critical workplace changes. This experience inspired her to pursue a legal career supporting workers. Now a second-year student at the University of North Carolina School of Law, Emily is Vice President of the Labor and Employment Law Association, a staff writer for the North Carolina Banking Institute Journal, and a member of the Holderness Moot Court Team.





## BATIA KATZ, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
New York University School of Law |  
Spivak Lipton LLP, NY

Batia is a second-year law student from New York City. Prior to law school, she worked as a policy researcher at the Urban Institute, where she focused on job quality and workers' rights. While there, Batia became involved in organizing Urban's first employee union, and was elected to represent her colleagues and negotiate the organization's first contract on the union's bargaining committee. Batia's research interest and direct experience in worker organizing led her to pursue a legal career in worker advocacy. She spent her 1L summer working with the Labor Bureau of the New York State Office of the Attorney General, protecting the rights of working New Yorkers. At NYU, Batia is on the boards of Unemployment Action Center and Law Students for Economic Justice. This summer, Batia is excited to expand her worker advocacy skills and contribute to the labor movement as a Peggy Browning Fellow with Spivak Lipton.



## SAM KEASER, JD 2026

*He/Him*  
New York University School of Law |  
IUPAT, DC

From Heath, Ohio, Sam is a first-generation college student and union organizer. After his undergraduate studies at Amherst College, he attended Harvard Divinity School, where he received a Master of Theological Studies in Religions of the Americas. While at Harvard, Sam organized with the Harvard Graduate Student Union - UAW (HGSU). After graduating, he worked for a year as a staff organizer with HGSU and spent the following two years organizing academic workers into new unions across California and the Midwest. A second-year student at NYU Law, Sam is a volunteer organizer with EWOC; a co-facilitator of NYU's cross-union solidarity organization CLAWS; and a board member of the Taxi Worker Defense Collective, an advocacy group representing taxi and app-based drivers. Sam spent his 1L summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow at UAW. His favorite way to spend a weekend is with his two dogs, Tater Tot and Benedict.



## DIANA KENNEDY, JD 2027

*She/Her*  
Fordham University School of Law  
| Community Legal Services of  
Philadelphia, PA

Diana Kennedy is a first year student at Fordham University School of Law. She graduated from Hunter college in 2022 with a B.A. in Women and Gender Studies. Diana's interest in workers' advocacy grew from witnessing her family suffer exploitation as undocumented workers. After this experience, she decided to study labor policy impacting marginalized labor groups in college. As a part of the Andrew Mellon Public Humanities Research Program at Hunter, Diana researched prison labor policies and conducted interviews with individuals who had been forced to work in New York state correctional industries. Following college, she worked as a legal analyst for a plaintiff-side firm which specialized in class actions and mass torts. There she became interested in the litigation process and hopes to pursue post-conviction litigation, litigating on behalf of marginalized workers. This summer, Diana is very excited to work with Community Legal Services of Philadelphia.



## RACHEL KHOURY, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
The George Washington University  
Law School | Mooney, Green,  
Saindon, Murphy & Welch, P.C., DC

Rachel Khoury earned her BA in African American Studies and Political Science from the University of Florida. Her passion for workplace justice began with co-founding Food Justice at UF, a student- and worker-led divestment campaign advocating for ethical food service providers. The campaign's success led to campus workers forming a union. She has also led research trips documenting the experiences of migrant farmworkers in the Chesapeake region, and labor organizing in the Mississippi Delta through the UF Samuel Proctor Oral History Program. Rachel's dedication to labor rights has been strengthened by her work with SEIU, Orange County Legal Aid, as a student attorney at GW Health Equity Policy & Advocacy Clinic, and more. Rachel serves as the Co-President of the GW Labor & Employment Law Society. As a 1L, she served as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Farmworker Justice and is honored to be a fellow again this summer.



## **KAITLIN KNOCKE, JD 2027**

*She/Her*  
Harvard Law School | International  
Association of Sheet Metal, Air,  
Rail, and Transportation Workers  
(SMART), DC

Kaitlin is a first-generation college student and the daughter of a union sheet metal worker from Sheboygan, Wisconsin. She graduated with distinction from the University of Wisconsin - Madison in 2023, majoring in Political Science and Legal Studies with minors in Criminal Justice and Gender and Women's Studies. Through her undergraduate studies, Kaitlin developed a deep commitment to socioeconomic and gender justice, which she further connected to her own experiences working in the service industry for eight years. These experiences combined with her father's union membership inspired her to pursue a legal career dedicated to advocating for workers' rights. At Harvard, Kaitlin is involved in the Labor and Employment Action Project (LEAP) and serves as a steward for the Harvard Graduate Students Union (HGSU-UAW). She is honored to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and looks forward to advancing her labor law journey this summer with SMART.



## **JESSICA LA ROCHE, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
University of California College of  
the Law, San Francisco | National  
Institute for Workers Rights, CA

Jessie is a second-year law student at UC Law San Francisco. During her 2L year, she worked as a staff editor on the International Law Review, and clerked at a small litigation firm. In law school, Jessie participated in her school's Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, led UC Law SF's 2025 Alternative Spring Break Project to provide legal aid to asylum seekers. She also worked as a research fellow at the California Institute on Law, Neuroscience, and Education, researching changes in immigration policy. Originally from Massachusetts, she received a degree in Public Policy at New York University. Jessie is excited to spend her summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow at the National Institute for Workers Rights.



## **KATIE LAWRENCE, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
American University Washington  
College of Law | American  
Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, DC

Katie was born and raised just outside of Atlanta, Georgia, and is a proud alum of the Georgia K-12 public school system. Before starting law school, she worked as a third-grade teacher at a public school in Virginia. Her experience working as an educator and supporting her students and their families inspired her to switch careers and pursue her JD to advocate for educators' and all workers' rights. Katie is a rising 3L at American University in Washington, DC, and is thrilled to be returning for her second summer as a PBF Fellow. After a fantastic fellowship with the Federal Education Association last summer, Katie is excited to join the team at American Federation of Teachers this summer and continue supporting the movement.



## **SOPHIA LESWING, JD 2027**

*She/Her*  
Harvard Law School | United Auto  
Workers, International Union (UAW),  
MI

Growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area and graduating from the University of California, Berkeley, 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. Sophia is currently a member of the Labor and Employment Action Project at Harvard and serves as a representative on the bargaining committee for HGSU-UAW's new contract campaign.



## MINLU LI, JD 2026

*She/Her*

The George Washington University  
Law School | AFSCME, DC

Minlu is passionate about advocating for dignity and security in the workplace through collective action. She believes in the power of unity among workers while honoring their differences, and sees intersectionality as central to long-term labor advocacy. As a college student, she interned at a grassroots nonprofit supporting migrant female workers in her hometown, Shenzhen, China. There she saw how work can empower individuals striving to find their place in the city-while also exposing them to unjust conditions. Working alongside these ambitious women in collective struggle inspired her to pursue a career in law. In law school, she volunteers with the Washington Lawyers' Committee's Workers' Rights Clinic and the WomensLaw Email Hotline, assisting workers and survivors of domestic violence. She is beyond excited to join AFSCME this summer and to contribute to the fight for workers' rights.



## JUSTINE LIM, JD 2026

*She/Her*

University of California, Irvine  
School of Law | AFL-CIO, DC

Justine Lim is a Public Service Scholar at UC Irvine School of Law dedicated to advancing racial and economic justice within the labor movement. Born in the Philippines and raised in Pennsylvania, Justine's unique experiences at the intersection of immigration and labor have fueled her passion for empowering immigrant workers through unionization. After earning degrees in Political Science and Labor Studies from UCLA, Justine led the Asian American Racial Justice Project at the UCLA Labor Center, where she co-authored work on undocumented Asian immigrants, organized a racial justice workshop series with the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, and played a pivotal role in launching the inaugural UC Labor Summer Fellowship. At UCI Law, Justine continues her commitment to public service, providing pro bono legal counseling through Legal Aid at Work and mentoring aspiring law students. She has previously clerked for UNITE HERE Local 11 and is honored to join the AFL-CIO for her 2L summer.



## KATIE LO RE, JD 2026

*She/Her*

University of Michigan Law School |  
Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters, DC

Originally from Washington, D.C., Katie received her bachelor's degree in Political Science from Tulane University. Before law school, she worked as a law clerk at union-side labor & employment law firm, Peer, Gan, Gisler & Favreau LLP. She credits this experience with igniting her passion for labor law. During her 1L year at Michigan Law, Katie continued advocating for working people through the Graduate Employees' Organization and 2023 United Auto Workers strike. Last summer, Katie witnessed the issues that face rural workers as an intern at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in Juneau, Alaska. Katie is thrilled to return to Washington, D.C. this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow at the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the union her grandfather was a proud member of for 35 years.



## EMILY LUONG, JD 2026

*She/Her*

New York University School of Law |  
Legal Aid at Work, CA

Born and raised in San Jose, California as the daughter of two Vietnamese refugees, Emily Luong developed a passion for workers' rights and union organizing while observing her mother's experiences as a public-school teacher. She graduated from UCLA in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies and minors in History and Labor Studies. At NYU Law, she is a Root-Tilden-Kern scholar, a Derrick Bell Scholar for Public Service, a fellow at the Initiative for Community Power, and a board member of Law Students for Economic Justice and Asian Pacific Allied Law Students Association. She is also a student advocate in the Civil Rights in the Criminal Legal System clinic. Emily is honored to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and is excited to learn from experienced litigators and address issues within the intersection of workers' rights and immigrant justice this summer.



## PAUL MACHARIA, LLM 2025

*He/Him*

University of Washington School of Law | Teamsters Local 117, WA

Paul Macharia is a social justice lawyer passionate about workers' rights. He worked as an Industrial Relations Officer at the Kenya Union of Commercial Food and Allied Workers, representing workers in various sectors and for the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights. He has also worked as a Research Assistant at Penn State University and as a legal intern at the Corporate Accountability Lab in Chicago.. Paul is a member of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), the International Lawyers Assisting Workers Network (ILAW), and the Fair Labor Association (FLA) Student Committee. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from Mount Kenya University, a Postgraduate Diploma in Law from Kenya School of Law, and a Master's Degree in Labor and Global Worker's Rights from Pennsylvania State University.



## AOIFE MADDEN, JD 2026

*She/Her*

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

Originally from the Seattle area, Aoife studied History and Classical Civilization as an undergraduate student at Boston University. After graduating in 2020, Aoife returned to Seattle and worked in the local tourism industry for three years. Aoife discovered her passion for workers' rights and labor law while working in Seattle during the COVID-19 pandemic. At Stanford, Aoife is a student leader of the Workers' Rights Pro Bono Project, a partnership with Legal Aid at Work. Additionally, Aoife serves as the Co-Chair of Public Interest Professional Development for Stanford's APILSA and a Development Editor of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties. This is Aoife's second summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow. Last year, Aoife joined the amazing team at Reid, Balley & Leahy in her hometown of Seattle. Aoife is thrilled to join SEIU this summer!



## NOAH MADOFF, JD 2026

*He/Him*

University of Minnesota School of Law | Levy Ratner, NY

Noah is a second year law student at the University of Minnesota who is thrilled to be returning for a second Peggy Browning Fellowship. He focuses on labor law because he believes the labor movement is instrumental in creating a more just, sustainable, and democratic future. He is particularly interested in technology at the workplace, algorithmic management, and areas of overlap between labor, antitrust, and consumer protection law. Noah previously worked in journalism and documentary film and holds a degree in literature from Harvard College.



## CALDER MARCHMAN, JD 2026

*He/Him*

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

Calder is a rising 3L at the University of San Francisco School of Law (USF). At USF, he served as Vice President of the Labor & Employment Law Student Association. He is also a member of the USF Law Review, and has been selected as Comments Editor for the upcoming Vol. 60. He spent his 1L summer at Arns Davis Law, where he wrote motions advocating for workers and consumers who were injured by businesses. Before law school, Calder attended San Francisco State University, where he majored in English Literature. His passion for the labor movement grew while working as a team member at Whole Foods, where he witnessed firsthand the impact of Amazon's acquisition on employee benefits and compensation. He hopes to use his law degree to advance the cause of organized labor and protect workers.





## ROSE MENDELSON, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
Northeastern University School of  
Law | PowerSwitch Action, CA

Rose was introduced to the labor movement when she joined janitorial workers on her undergraduate campus who were organizing for better pay and working conditions. After graduation, she moved to Oakland and spent nine years supporting the labor, community, and political organizing efforts of groups across the Bay Area and the state. After returning to Massachusetts for law school, she spent a summer with Justice at Work learning from the crucial legal and organizing strategies of worker centers and immigrant workers across the region. She is excited to merge her MA and CA organizing worlds this summer by contributing to a national network of organizations dedicated to building worker power.



## JACQUELINE MEYER, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
University of California College of  
the Law, San Francisco | Leonard  
Carder LLP, CA

Jacqueline grew up in Los Angeles and studied architectural history at Barnard College and UCLA, where she was a proud member of UAW 2865. Before attending law school, she worked in housing nonprofits and as a researcher in museums. Her experience as a worker and her high exposure to the history of labor and housing movements radicalized her. Jacqueline spent her 1L summer with the Housing Clinic at Yale's Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization and served in the Worker's Right Clinic at UC Law this fall. She is passionate about using her legal education to advance economic justice and thrilled to be joining Leonard Carder this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## ALI MIRZA, JD 2027

*He/Him*  
University of Pennsylvania Carey  
Law School | Justice at Work, MA

Ali is a first-year law student at the University of Pennsylvania from the Chicago-land area. After completing his undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, he worked in eviction defense in Detroit and completed a Master in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School. His experience in Detroit exposed him to the collateral consequences formerly incarcerated people and those facing housing insecurity face in accessing work. Ali hopes to work at the nexus of civil rights, worker rights, and criminal law reform striving to create a more just society through law and policy. He is thrilled to advance workplace justice with Justice at Work Boston and is honored to join the Peggy Browning community.



## FEMI MOJEKWU, JD 2027

*He/Him*  
University of Iowa College of Law |  
Teamsters Local 117, WA

Born in Houston, Texas, to a union steward and a Nigerian immigrant, Femi's passion for labor law is rooted in his family's experiences. Growing up, Femi witnessed the power of organized labor through his mother, a Teamster Steward, who dedicated herself to advocating for workers' rights. At the same time, his father's journey as an immigrant shaped his early commitment to immigration law, driving him to support those facing the uphill battle of navigating the legal system. This foundation inspired Femi's work at an Immigration Legal Clinic and a public policy fellowship, where he collaborated with UFCW to aid undocumented workers displaced by plant closures, mobilizing to help them apply for the relief they were entitled to. Now a first-year law student and Peggy Browning Fellow, Femi is honored to join Teamsters Local 117 this summer, where he will continue his commitment to empowering workers and fostering workplace justice.



## JESSA MUELLER, JD 2027

*She/Her*  
University of Michigan Law School |  
McKnight, Canzano, Smith Radtke &  
Brault, MI

Jessa grew up on a family farm in rural Minnesota before studying Political Science and Sustainability at Minnesota State University Moorhead. As the daughter of a dairy farmer and a former teacher, she was taught the dignity of hard work and serving your community from a young age. As Student Body President on her college campus, she fought for better working conditions for student workers and helped establish a campus minimum wage. Before law school she worked for U.S. Senator Tina Smith, where she met with families and workers across Minnesota. Hearing their challenges and wins, she realized she wanted to build a legal career fighting for rural and working-class communities like the one in which she was raised. She is honored and excited to spend her summer as the Peggy Browning Fellow at McKnight, Canzano, Smith, Radtke & Brault.



## JACOB NAIMARK, JD 2027

*He/Him*  
University of Pennsylvania Carey  
Law School | Make the Road New  
York, NY

Jacob was raised in New Hampshire and graduated from Columbia University with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science in 2020. After college, Jacob worked as a paralegal at the New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children where he helped represent unaccompanied immigrant youth as they applied for legal status in the United States. His exposure to the challenges young immigrants face after arriving in the US, including labor trafficking, motivated him to advocate for individuals facing adversity in the workplace. Since starting law school at the University of Pennsylvania in 2024, he has volunteered with the Employment Advocacy Project to represent individuals who were wrongfully denied unemployment benefits. He looks forward to joining Make the Road New York this summer to combat workplace injustices by representing vulnerable community members who have experienced wage theft, discrimination, and other challenges in their workplace.



## ALISA NAZAIRE, JD 2027

*She/Her*  
Howard University School of Law |  
Justice at Work, PA

Alisa is a proud Haitian-American hailing from South Florida. Before attending law school, Alisa worked as an au pair in Vienna, Austria. There she navigated the delicate balancing act that comes with being a domestic worker living with her employer. Through advocating for better working conditions for herself and other au pairs, her budding passion for labor and employment law was sowed. Alisa is motivated to advocate for all workers, especially those most marginalized. When her grandparents immigrated to the United States from Haiti, they worked as farmworkers in Florida. Their stories of the difficult working conditions have never left her. As a Peggy Browning Fellow, Alisa is honored to support workers' rights at the intersection of immigration and employment law at Justice at Work Philadelphia.



## KAITLYN O'LEARY, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
University of Chicago School of Law  
| O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP, DC

Kaitlyn, a first-generation college and law student from Dumont, New Jersey, proudly embraces her low-income background as she pursues a legal education at the University of Chicago Law School. Inspired by her father, an electrician and former IBEW union steward, she developed a deep commitment to workers' rights and union values. Graduating summa cum laude from the University of Richmond with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Sociology, Kaitlyn explored the intersections of economic inequity and social justice, which fueled her passion for labor advocacy. As a 2L, she currently serves as Chief Steward of the Professional Schools for the Graduate Student Union. This summer, Kaitlyn is thrilled to join O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue in Washington, D.C., as a Peggy Browning Fellow. The firm's representation of trade unions, including the IBEW—her father's union—makes this opportunity especially meaningful. Kaitlyn is profoundly grateful to the Peggy Browning Fund for advancing her pursuit of justice for workers.



## FERNANDA OLIVEIRA, JD 2027

*She/Her*  
New York University School of Law |  
Women's Law Project, PA

Fernanda was born and raised in Brazil, moving to the United States at 17 to pursue a career as a professional ballet dancer. Her passion for dance allowed her to make her way out of poverty, and to build a successful decade-long career as an artist. Fernanda discovered her passion for the law while advocating for dancers' rights as a labor union representative and participating in collective bargaining negotiations, which ignited her interest in labor law and put her on the path to law school. At NYU Law, Fernanda is a Birnbaum Women's Leadership Fellow, a 1L representative for the Women of Color Collective and a member of the Unemployment Action Center and the Parole Advocacy Project. Interested in the intersection of labor and employment law and civil rights litigation, Fernanda aims to dedicate her career to serving women, people of color and members of the LGBTQIA community, helping to promote social equity and economic justice.



## OLUWADAMISIRE (ESTELLE) OMOTAYO, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
The George Washington University  
Law School | International Union of  
Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers,  
DC

Estelle Omotayo is a second-year law student at the George Washington University Law School. Prior to this, she grew up in Dallas, Texas and earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin. There, she covered stories on disability accommodations, local eviction policies during the Covid-19 pandemic, and labor unions. Her interest in labor law developed from these experiences which demonstrated the importance of collective action and mutual aid. This summer, Estelle is excited to serve as a Peggy Browning Fellow at the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers and grateful for the opportunity to grow as a future lawyer in the labor movement.



## JEENA PATEL, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
Cornell Law School | Pitta LLP, NY

As the daughter of a former Nurses Union mother, Jeena witnessed firsthand how essential unions are to securing better workplace conditions. Jeena is a second-year law student at Cornell Law School from Tampa, Florida. After graduating from Boston University, she worked as a paralegal at Lichten & Liss-Riordan, a prominent workers' rights firm. She also contributed to the Stop Prop 22 Campaign and delivered testimonial speeches about the struggles of gig economy workers to Senators and the Secretary of Labor. These transformative experiences sparked her interest in using the law to advocate for marginalized workers. At Cornell, Jeena participated in the Labor Law Clinic and will join the Advanced Labor Law Clinic next semester. She also served as Co-President of Cornell's National Lawyers Guild Chapter, hosting events about the labor movement. Jeena is currently the Senior Online Editor of Cornell Law Review. Her note will be published in Cornell Law Review as well. She is excited to join Pitta LLP and contribute to work that directly improves the material conditions of people's lives.



## CESAR JORGE PLASCENCIA, JD 2027

*He/Him*  
University of Minnesota Law School  
| United Electrical, Radio and  
Machine Workers of America (UE),  
PA

Cesar committed himself to the labor movement as an undergraduate after studying the 2012 Chicago Teachers Strike. In 2018, he earned a BA in History & Political Science from San Francisco State University. The following year, he enrolled in the MA in Education Policy program at Teachers College, Columbia University. Upon graduation, Cesar taught 11th grade humanities at a public school in Oakland, CA, helping to organize his coworkers during the 2023 Oakland Teachers Strike. He has also worked as a policy intern at the American Federation of Teachers and an organizer at the California Faculty Association. Now, Cesar is a first-year law student at the University of Minnesota eager to expand his knowledge of unions and labor law outside the field of education. He is beyond excited to serve as the Peggy Browning Fellow for United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America—considering the union's longstanding commitment to rank-and-file, democratic unionism.



## ANDREW PORTER, JD 2026

*He/Him*

American University Washington  
College of Law | Farmworker  
Justice, DC

Born in Chicago and raised in Houston, Texas, Andrew is a rising 3L at the American University Washington College of Law. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with degrees in Finance and Religious Studies, and even more importantly, an appreciation for excellent barbeque. After moving to DC in 2019, Andrew witnessed the effects of the pandemic on gig workers, low-income workers, and workers of color. This led him to volunteer at neighborhood food distribution sites within the DC mutual aid network, and with Rideshare Drivers United where he organized rideshare drivers and connected them to vital resources. Andrew spent his 1L summer as a judicial law clerk with the Hearings Unit at the EEOC and much of his 2L year as an extern with the NLRB Division of Operations Management; both experiences affirmed his desire to fight back against injustice in the workplace. Andrew is passionate about the intersection of federal labor and antitrust law and how this creates gaps in worker protections. He is thrilled to be spending this summer helping farmworkers secure the workplace rights they deserve.

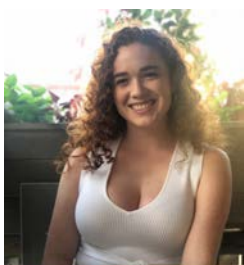


## GEORGE PORTER, JR., JD 2026

*He/Him*

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

George hopes to help create a more economically egalitarian society through the law. He grew up in central Pennsylvania and Baltimore and attended the University of Pennsylvania. A summer job at the Baltimore Orioles' stadium, organized under UNITE HERE Local 7, sparked his interest in the labor movement. After college, George worked as a paralegal at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Antitrust Division in Washington, D.C. At the DOJ, he also represented his coworkers as a steward in AFSCME Local 3719. In Summer 2024, George was a Peggy Browning Fellow with Sheet Metal Workers' Local 19 in Philadelphia. He serves on the bargaining committee for GETUP-UAW, the union of more than 4,000 graduate student workers at the University of Pennsylvania.



## SUSIE POWELL, JD 2026

*She/Her OR They/Them*

Georgetown University Law Center |  
Washington Lawyer's Committee for  
Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, DC

Susie is a rising 3L student at Georgetown, originally from the DC area. After focusing on human trafficking in her undergraduate thesis research, Susie worked for several years in anti-trafficking policy in DC. In law school, Susie is focused on the intersection of labor and immigration and on the rights of migrant workers. Susie completed Georgetown's CALS asylum clinic, where she now works as a research assistant. Susie also serves as co-president of Georgetown's Outlaw chapter and is an active advocate for LGBTQ+ rights and community.



## IAN PULTZ-EARLE, JD 2026

*He/Him*

New York University School of Law |  
AFSCME, DC

Ian grew up in Kansas, where he was involved in local politics. He attended Williams College, studying English and Political Science. Before law school, he worked as a paralegal at a small litigation firm in New York City. During this time, he joined the Democratic Socialists of America and participated in the Union Power campaign, which aimed to promote community and political support for unions. As part of this effort, he attended numerous rallies and pickets where he met union members who encouraged him to pursue a career in labor law. Ian is currently a student at NYU Law School, where he is on the boards of Unemployment Action Center and Law Students for Economic Justice. Last summer, he interned at the NYC Office of Labor Policy Standards, where he researched new proposals to protect vulnerable, low-wage workers. Ian is excited to continue his legal career as a Peggy Browning Fellow.





## ELENA PURCELL, JD 2027

*She/Her*

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

Elena was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and lives and breathes for her home state. She ventured away to earn her bachelor's degree in Economics and Latin American Studies at Wellesley College and her Master's in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin. After several years spent working in Texas local government, she decided to return to New Mexico to attend law school with the goal of serving the community she loves. Elena knows firsthand how necessary worker's rights advocacy is in the state; as a teenager, she was a victim of wage theft in her service industry job. Though she was grateful to have access to legal assistance, she found it greatly unjust that many of her undocumented co-workers did not have the same access. Elena is inspired by the work the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty has done to protect low-wage workers (especially those from vulnerable populations), and she is thrilled to spend the summer with their team as a PBF fellow.



## MALCOLM RAKSHAN, JD 2026

*He/Him*

Fordham University School of Law | MLBPA, NY

Originally from the New York area, Malcolm is a dedicated advocate for workers' rights, focusing on labor law, migrant worker protections, and international human rights. He is currently Crowley Scholar in International Human Rights and has competed in the Jessup International Law Moot Court competition.. He founded the Middle Eastern & North African Law Students' Association, working to amplify underrepresented voices in the legal field. Before law school, he earned an M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies from SOAS, University of London, and a B.A. in Political Science and English from Columbia University. His experience includes civil rights litigation at CAIR-NY, anti-surveillance work at S.T.O.P., counterterrorism research, and labor advocacy. This summer, he will be a law clerk with the Major League Baseball Players' Association, supporting collective bargaining and labor negotiations. Malcolm is committed to strengthening worker power across industries through legal advocacy and union representation.



## HANNAH RECHT, JD 2026

*She/Her*

University of Denver Sturm College of Law | Service Employees International Union (SEIU), DC

Hannah is a community organizer born and raised in Denver, Colorado. In 2016, she graduated from Tufts University with majors in Anthropology and Environmental Studies, and a minor in Latin American Studies. Since then, she has led campaigns for access to affordable housing and driver's licenses for working-class undocumented immigrants in Virginia, voting rights for people with felony convictions in Tucson, and clean water for mobile homeowners in Colorado. Hannah is pursuing a JD to build her toolbox and contribute to movements for racial and economic justice in Denver. Hannah is honored to join SEIU as a PBF Fellow and learn about building collective power from the heart of the labor movement.



## BRIAN RECINOS, JD 2026

*He/Him*

University of San Francisco School of Law | Northwest Workers Justice Project, OR

Brian was raised in a small town in California's Central Valley, and is a first generation American. He attended undergrad at San Francisco State University where he attained a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Philosophy. Before enrolling at University of San Francisco School of Law, Brian worked as a legal assistant at a national law firm. As the son of a union member, Brian feels that it is important to defend workers' rights. As the son of immigrants, he also believes that it is imperative to provide legal resources to immigrant laborers. In his previous internship Brian worked at CARECEN, a pro bono legal organization providing resources and representation to low-income immigrant families. During his free time, Brian volunteers at clinics informing immigrants of their rights, both civil and in the workplace.



## MILA ROSTAIN, JD 2027

*She/Her*  
Harvard Law School | Service  
Employees International Union  
(SEIU), DC

Originally from New Haven, Connecticut, Mila majored in American Studies at Yale. After college, Mila worked as a union organizer in New York and California, first organizing non-tenure track faculty and later gig workers. Her time as an organizer prompted her to pursue a legal career. She is thrilled to be at SEIU this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## SARAH SAFI, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
Columbia Law School | Cohen, Weiss  
and Simon LLP, NY

Born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago, Sarah is the proud daughter of working-class Afghan immigrants. Witnessing her parents' struggles, she became committed to challenging systemic poverty and inequality from a young age. Sarah later studied economic development as an undergraduate student at Boston University to better understand exploitative economic structures. After graduating, she began working at the Office of Economic Empowerment in the Massachusetts Treasury, developing legislation and programs aimed at supporting working people across the state. At Columbia, Sarah is a Max Berger '71 Public Interest/Public Service fellow and serves on the board of the Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems. As a 2L, she worked at the New York Attorney General's Office in their Labor Bureau. Previously, she spent her 1L summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the National Employment Law Project, and she's excited to return to the fellowship this summer at Cohen, Weiss, & Simon.



## SOFIA SALLAS, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
Seattle University Law School |  
Streepy Lemonidis Consulting & Law  
Group/UFCW 3000, WA

Sofia grew up between Seattle, WA, and Honolulu, HI, where she studied Political Science at the University of Hawai'i - Manoa. She is from a proud union family; her grandfather, father, and brother are members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 19. Growing up in a strong union family, she developed a deep sense of solidarity and a passion for advocating for working-class communities. After graduating, she worked at the Hawai'i State Legislature, focusing on helping hardworking people achieve better working conditions. At Seattle University School of Law, Sofia continues to prioritize labor and employment law. Her dedication to advocating for vulnerable communities deepened through her work at the Northwest Justice Project, where she assisted with consumer, housing, employment, and education rights cases. Sofia is excited to join the Peggy Browning Fellowship community and work this summer at Streepy Lemonidis Consulting & Law Group, PLLC.



## MEERA SAM, JD 2027

*She/Her*  
University of Texas at Austin School  
of Law | National Employment Law  
Project, NY

Born and raised in Texas, Meera earned her degrees in Government and Sociology from the University of Texas at Austin. Her background in academic and policy research shaped her passion for social justice. After graduation, she worked as a legal assistant at Kaplan Law Firm. Here, she gained invaluable experience assisting employees seeking redress for workplace injustices, which deepened her understanding of the pre-litigation and litigation processes involved in resolving employment disputes. Motivated by the unique challenges immigrant workers face, Meera organized and led a "Know Your Labor Rights" workshop at a migrant shelter in Austin. At Texas Law, Meera serves as a student attorney with the Parole Project and as a staff editor for the Texas Journal on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. She is excited about advancing racial and economic justice for workers and growing as an advocate with the National Employment Law Project.



## LAUREN SANTIBANEZ, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
University of Houston Law Center |  
Workers Defense Project, TX

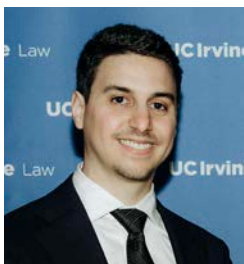
Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Lauren brings a passionate commitment to social justice advocacy. Before law school, she served as a community organizer with Texas Rising, leading youth voter registration initiatives and engaging in grassroots community building. Following this experience, Lauren managed a research lab at the University of Texas at San Antonio where she led her own study examining cultural stress impacts on immigrant adolescents. As the first in her family to pursue higher education, Lauren has dedicated her time in law school to volunteering with local legal clinics and non-profits that serve marginalized communities. Inspired by her blue-collar family background and her immigrant grandparents' workplace struggles, she has developed a deep commitment to labor and employment law. Lauren is thrilled to join Workers Defense Project in their mission for immigrant and worker justice throughout Texas.



## SIMON SCHAITKIN, JD 2026

*He/Him*  
New York University School of Law |  
Women's Law Project, PA

Simon is a Pittsburgh native and second-year New York University School of Law student who is thrilled to support the Women's Law Project this summer. Before law school, he graduated cum laude from Yale University. He then worked as an actor for several years, gaining a first-hand appreciation for how powerful employers exploit their employees. After leaving the entertainment industry, Simon served as the Call Center Director for a nonprofit that provided free food delivery to immunocompromised New Yorkers. He then spent two years working at Sanford Heisler Sharp McKnight—a plaintiff-side law firm focusing on employment discrimination and sexual harassment claims. Last summer, he interned with Judge Claire Cecchi of the New Jersey District Court. He is incredibly excited to be fighting to advance gender, racial, and LGBTQ justice this summer with the Women's Law Project.



## AHMAD SHANAA, JD 2026

*He/Him*  
University of California, Irvine  
School of Law | Weinberg, Roger &  
Rosenfeld, CA

Ahmad Shanaa (He/Him) is a rising 3L at UC Irvine School of Law, raised in the California Bay Area. He earned his B.A. in International Studies-Economics from UC San Diego. Before law school, he worked as a legal assistant at a criminal defense firm and volunteered with the International Rescue Committee. During his 1L summer, he interned at the East Bay Community Law Center's Consumer Justice Clinic. At UCI Law, he has served as Treasurer of the Muslim Law Student Association, participated in the Union Grievance Assistance Project, and is a member of the Labor Law Society. Through the Workers and Tenants Law and Organizing Clinic, he researched workplace retaliation and detained immigrant laborer rights. He was UCI Law's 2025 Moot Court champion and will spend his 2L summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld.



## JOHN "JACK" SHARP, JD 2026

*They/Them*  
Washington University St. Louis  
School of Law | Drivers Union WA,  
Affiliated with Teamsters 117, WA

Working as an activist in Chicago, Jack experienced first-hand the political impact unions are capable of, especially when advocating for social reform. After completing a philosophy degree at the University of Arizona, they worked in the restaurant industry for 8 years. When the COVID pandemic hit, they got their first experience advocating for worker's rights when they organized their co-workers to collectively fight for higher pay. After starting law school, Jack's first legal internship began at The Simon Law firm, where they developed litigation experience working on personal injury and products liability cases. This summer they are excited to be focusing on labor and employment law, working for the Drivers' Union in Seattle. Jack hopes to leave law school with the connections and experience necessary to fight to extend worker's rights into historically unregulated areas and to new kinds of workers.



## JO SLAUGHTER, JD 2026

*She/Her*

The George Washington University  
Law School | United Mine Workers of  
America, VA

Originally from New Jersey, Jo graduated from the University of Tennessee in 2019 with a degree in Psychology. After earning her bachelor's degree, Jo worked as a drug addiction counselor for two years. While working during the COVID 19 pandemic, Jo gained first-hand insight into the difficulties of attempting to organize workers in the South. Her experiences during that time ignited her passion for workers' rights and inspired her to pursue a law degree. At GW, Jo is the co-president of the Labor and Employment Law Society and is involved in student government. She has also interned at the Department of Labor and the National Labor Relations Board while in law school. Jo is honored to have been chosen to be a Peggy Browning Fellow for the United Mine Workers and is thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to the important work they do.



## SARAH SOUTHEY, JD 2026

*She/Her*

CUNY School of Law | TakeRoot  
Justice, NY

Sarah Southey is a second-year law student at CUNY School of Law. Sarah first became involved in the fight for worker rights as a farmworker advocate, fighting against the exploitation of farmworkers with temporary visas in the United States and Canada. She later worked as an organizer at a workers' center in Chicago, Illinois. As an organizer, she worked alongside community members to build a powerful movement fighting for immigrant and worker rights on the Southeast Side of Chicago. During law school, Sarah has interned with the employment teams at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid and Make the Road New York. Sarah strongly believes that collective action is the best tool to achieve meaningful justice for workers, and she is dedicated to using legal strategies to support worker-led movements. Sarah is excited to work with TakeRoot Justice to support grassroots worker centers this summer.



## MIA STONE-MOLLOY, JD 2027

*She/Her*

Harvard Law School | Solidarity Law,  
ME

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 on the Harvard Graduate Student Union's bargaining committee, represents her section in Student Government, and is deeply involved in student activism. She is excited to learn more about Labor and Civil Rights Law and contribute to the incredible work being done at Solidarity Law this Summer.



## LEAH SUSMAN, JD 2026

*She/Her*

Cardozo School of Law | Hotel and  
Gaming Trades Council, NY

Leah Susman joined the labor movement through organizing her workplace and serving on her union's collective bargaining committee. She has previously worked with the National Labor Relations Board and the Amazon Labor Union, and she has collaborated with the Chilean feminist movement to help pass legislation addressing workplace sexual harassment. At Cardozo, Leah is a Public Service Scholar, she works with the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic, and she is the Managing Editor for the Cardozo Journal of Equal Rights and Social Justice. Leah is inspired by the transformative potential of movement lawyering in labor law and is dedicated to advancing workers' rights and building worker power by advocating for those challenging exploitative systems.

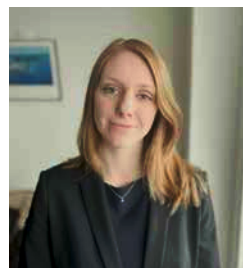




## ANUSHREE THEKKEDATH, JD 2026

*They/Them*  
New York University School of Law  
| New York State United Teachers,  
NYC, NY

Growing up in California, Anushree became committed to labor law by witnessing the egregious wealth inequalities that characterize the state. After graduating from Stanford University with a Bachelor's in Public Policy, they worked as a JusticeCorps Fellow at the Santa Clara Family Law Office in California. Through this experience, Anushree saw firsthand the impact that economic justice has on the health of interpersonal relationships. At NYU Law, they are involved with the Unemployment Action Center, which represents individuals at their unemployment benefits hearings, and Law Students for Economic Justice. Last summer, Anushree worked at Greater Boston Legal Services in their Employment Law Unit. As a returning Peggy Browning Fellow, they hope this summer will be a continuation of what will hopefully be a long career in labor law.



## MAGGIE TONER, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
Georgetown University Law Center |  
AFSCME, DC

Maggie is a second year student at Georgetown University. Her passion for economic justice began in earnest during her time as an undergraduate at Columbia University, where she studied modern U.S. history with a focus on the development of American capitalism. Prior to law school, she worked as a Courtroom Clerk in the Howard County Circuit Court of Maryland. The highlight of her time as a Courtroom Clerk was helping unrepresented litigants access the legal system, and the experience solidified her commitment to working towards a more equitable society through the law. During her 1L summer, she worked as a Legal Rights intern with the American Federation of Government Employees, and she hopes to fight for labor rights throughout her career. She is particularly passionate about securing the rights of public-sector workers and greatly looks forward to working with AFSCME this summer.



## GABRIELA TREVIÑO- GUTIÉRREZ, JD 2026

*She/Her, They/Them*  
Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois  
Institute of Technology | Farmworker  
and Landscaper Advocacy Project,  
IL

Gaby Treviño-Gutiérrez (SHe/They) graduated from the University of Arkansas where she majored in Creative Writing and Latin American Studies. Before coming to law school, Gaby worked at an immigration law firm, supporting the litigation attorney in defensive asylum and cancellation of removal proceedings. During undergrad, they gave know your rights presentations to undocumented migrants and advocated for the end of 287(g), a policy allowing for the collaboration of law enforcement and ICE. In 2020, Gaby witnessed Tyson's abysmal response regarding worker safety at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Her community was dying at a disproportionate rate, which ignited her passion for workers' rights—specifically, workers without permanent status. Gaby is involved in the Hispanic/Latinx Law Student Association, Lambdas, National Lawyers' Guild, and Labor and Employment Law Society at Chicago-Kent. She looks forward to expanding her knowledge about workers' rights at the Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project this summer.



## JACKIE VANACORE, JD 2025

*She/Her*  
American University Washington  
College of Law | Mooney, Green,  
Saindon, Murphy & Welch, P.C., DC

Jackie Vanacore is a 3L evening student at American University Washington College of Law, where she serves on the Executive Board of the Labor and Employment Law Society. Before law school, Jackie worked as a Political Coordinator for the Capital District Area Labor Federation in Albany, New York, where she completed the AFL-CIO's Leadership Institute. Jackie also worked as an organizer and labor representative for the New York State Nurses Association, where she organized healthcare workers and supported members during their contract campaigns. While working as an organizer, Jackie earned a master's degree in labor studies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Last summer, she completed a Peggy Browning Fellowship at the AFT, where she honed her legal advocacy skills and deepened her commitment to public education. Jackie is eager to build on her passion for workplace justice as a Peggy Browning Fellow with Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy & Welch.



## ALONDRA VAZQUEZ, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
Columbia Law School | Equal Justice  
Center, TX

Alo is a second-year law student from California. She graduated from Yale with a degree in Ethnicity, Race, and Migration. After college, Alo pursued graduate study at the University of Oxford where she earned an MSc. in Migration Studies and an MFA. Throughout her studies Alo has focused on working with undocumented communities. As an undergraduate Alo worked with the New Haven Legal Assistance Association and Unidad Latina en Acción to conduct workshops on undocumented workers' rights. In graduate school Alo was involved in graduate union student worker organizing. Her personal experiences coming from an immigrant family have shown her the myriad of issues undocumented workers face beyond their legal status. Her work with migrants in the U.S. has led her to pursue legal work that acknowledges the many intersections of immigration law with other fields like labor and employment law. Alo is excited and honored to learn more about how workers' rights intersect with immigrant rights advocacy at the Equal Justice Center.



## ISAAC VELEZ, JD 2027

*He/Him*  
Duke University School of Law |  
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Isaac is a law student at Duke University School of Law, whose professional and academic work reflects his objective to advance the interests of working-class families through law and policy. Before law school, Isaac served as a Health Policy Aide to Senator Bernie Sanders, during his Chairmanship of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Before this, Isaac was a Legislative Intern for the Democratic staff of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce led by Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ-6). Isaac also served as a Policy Fellow for New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy and has written for think tanks including the Brookings Institution and Results for America. He holds a Master of Public Policy and a Bachelor of Science in Public Policy from Rutgers University. Isaac is honored to return to New Jersey as a Peggy Browning Fellow to help builders join the Laborers' International Union of North America to earn family-supporting pay, good benefits and the opportunity for advancement.



## MOLLY WANCEWICZ, JD 2027

*She/Her*  
Stanford Law School | Leonard  
Carder LLP, CA

Molly Wancewicz, from San Jose, California, grew up attending labor actions with her mother's teachers' union. She attended Rice University in Houston, Texas, where she earned honors for her history thesis entitled "Solidarity, Strikebreaking, and Separatism: Black Labor Organizing in the Railroad Industry, 1870-1900." She also spent two summers at the National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans, a nonprofit organization focused on policy advocacy for union healthcare and pension plans. After graduating in 2021, Molly taught sixth-grade English in Houston ISD, where she joined her local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. She also spent a year as a Fulbright student scholar in Brussels, Belgium. At Stanford, Molly volunteers with the Workers' Rights Pro Bono Project, where she partners with Legal Aid at Work to provide legal information to low-wage workers in the Bay Area.



## LINDSEY WEISS, JD 2026

*They/Them*  
Cardozo School of Law | National  
Employment Law Project, NY

Lindsey arrived at law school after six seasons of agricultural work, culminating in their role as Goat Manager at the Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture. From warehouse stocking to regenerative grazing, Lindsey was inspired to pursue law after seeing the huge range of labor, environmental, immigration, land, animal, economic, and more issues inherent to the food system (particularly in the ways in which their treatment was better and safer than that of most farmworkers'). Originally from Queens, New York, Lindsey was raised by two union parents, as well as a union grandfather and several union uncles. Lindsey has oriented their academic journey towards supporting workers as Chapter President of Cardozo's Unemployment Action Center, where they train other students to represent unemployed workers at UIB hearings, and in the Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic, where they represent elderly and disabled clients in a variety of civil suits. Illalu!



## MATHEW WIDZINS, JD 2026

*He/Him*

Villanova University Charles  
Widger School of Law | United Auto  
Workers, International Union (UAW),  
MI

Mat is committed to the union movement and came to law school with the goal of fighting for the rights of workers. He graduated from Rutgers University where he participated in a successful campaign to raise the wages of student workers on campus. Originally from New Jersey, he moved to Philadelphia after his undergraduate education and found work as a parking attendant, a box truck driver, and a house cleaner. Before law school, he worked as a construction trades apprentice and was a proud member of the IUPAT. His father is a current IUPAT member, and his grandfather is a retired union electrician. In law school, he participated in Villanova's Farmworker's Legal Aid Clinic, helping to provide legal services to rural workers. He is thrilled to have the privilege to work with the UAW this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## LILLY WINFREE, JD 2026

*She/Her*

University of North Carolina School  
of Law | LIUNA MAROC, VA

Lilly was born and raised in Greensboro, North Carolina and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she studied economics and city planning. She is now a student at the University of North Carolina School of Law, a proud double Tar Heel. Before law school, she conducted microeconomic research on education and immigration policies, but it was her time working in food service during and after college that sparked her interest in labor and employment law. Experiencing the effects of COVID-19 in the workplace and trying to unionize her store showed her firsthand the barriers that workers experience when trying to amass power. These barriers felt particularly high in the South, a region she feels is often underestimated and in particular need of workers' rights expansion. She is excited to spend this summer supporting organizing efforts as a Peggy Browning Fellow with LIUNA Mid-Atlantic Regional Organizing Coalition.



## SAVANNAH WINSTON, JD 2027

*She/Her*

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

Savannah is currently a 1L at the Howard University School of Law. She was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky where she earned her BA in Pan-African Studies with a minor in Political Science at the University of Louisville. Before law school, she earned her MA in Africology & African American Studies at Temple University. As the daughter of a United Auto Worker, Savannah took a strong interest in uncovering the historical experiences of Black folks in the labor movement. The necessity to continue the movement especially materialized for her when she witnessed first-hand the consequences of economic inequality while working in eviction prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic. The realization that most folks are one missed paycheck away from homelessness solidified her intent to address the issue where it begins—the workplace.



## CAROLINE WOLINSKY, JD 2027

*She/Her*

Duke University School of Law  
| National Federation of Federal  
Employees, DC

Caroline grew up in New Jersey and has had a lifelong interest in the labor movement. A rising 2L, she is working with an incarcerated North Carolinian through the Decarceration Project and conducting legal intakes with people detained in Georgia through the Duke Immigrant and Refugee Project. She is a member of the Moot Court board, the Duke Law Labor and Workers Rights Alliance, and a research assistant for her professor's work on the UN Human Rights Committee. Caroline is looking forward to fighting for the federal workforce, learning from the incredible team at NFFE, and gaining experience in labor law as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## JASON WU, JD 2027

*He/Him*

Georgetown University Law Center |  
Scholnick, Thorne, Holland, WA

Jason is a first-year student at Georgetown University Law Center. Originally from upstate New York, he earned a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University, where coursework in labor history, labor law, and labor sociology galvanized his desire to use law as a means to fight for those overlooked and exploited by the market economy. Outside of the classroom, Jason's experiences as an immigration law intern and photography editor for The Cornell Daily Sun—where he covered stories including early organizing efforts by Starbucks Workers United in Ithaca, NY—have also shaped his desire to do good as a legal professional. Jason is excited to join Scholnick, Thorne, Holland as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer, gaining meaningful connections and skills for a long career in labor law.



## SEAN YEATS, JD 2026

*He/Him*

Cleveland State University of Law |  
Fusco, Gallagher & Porcaro LLP, OH

Sean is a Cleveland native having lived there for over 30 years. He has worn many hats in his life, having been: a bartender, a consultant, an activist, a community organizer, a union member, a canvasser, a policy expert, and soon, a lawyer. He is a Director on the Board of the Cleveland United States Bartenders Guild where he tries to improve conditions for those in the service industry in which he worked for a decade. Sean was also a lead organizer for Indivisible CLE which planned marches and educational sessions supporting a variety of causes such as trans rights and BLM. Sean has decided to dedicate his life to the service of others through the law and public policy. This summer he will be working at Fusco Gallagher & Porcaro, fighting for workers.



## RAQUEL ZOHAR, JD 2026

*She/Her*

Brooklyn Law School | Levy Ratner  
P.C., NY

Raquel grew up in Miami, Florida at the height of the Great Recession. After living on the brink of homelessness, she witnessed firsthand how essential work is to basic subsistence and understood that the law could serve as a tool to uplift, rather than subdue, vulnerable people if wielded for good. Before law school, Raquel studied Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University where she published research on high road economic development in Buffalo, NY, and right-to-work and civil rights initiatives in constitution-making spaces in Lusaka, Zambia. Through her education and research, Raquel has grown passionate about the labor movement's abilities to balance countervailing powers and create substantive equity. Now, as a second-year law student at Brooklyn Law School, Raquel serves as Treasurer of the Labor and Employment Law Association, a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Honor Society, and a member of the Moot Court Honor Society's Appellate Division. She is proud to have served as a Peggy Browning Fellow last summer at Pitta LLP, and she is excited to continue contributing to the labor movement this summer at Levy Ratner P.C. in New York City.





**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.

### DIGNITY

All people inherently deserve to be treated fairly and respectfully.

### 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.

### 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 grown to 116 fellows at over 80 mentor organizations for the summer of 2025. We are excited to grow our program and increase fellowship opportunities in 2026.

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. For nonprofits and worker's centers, PBF will pay for the initial \$7,000 stipend; any additional payment for extended Fellowships must be covered by the organization.

\*\* Workplace justice nonprofits are registered 501c3's and may include worker's centers, legal aids, and worker's rights policy centers.

# HOW TO BECOME A PBF MENTOR ORGANIZATION

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 are welcome to complete a Mentor Inquiry Form, available on the PBF website. Alternatively, they can contact the PBF Team at [Info@PeggyBrowningFund.org](mailto:Info@PeggyBrowningFund.org). 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

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### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A 2026 PBF MENTOR ORGANIZATION?

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or fill out our Mentor Inquiry Form at <https://peggybfund.org/PBFMentorInquiry>



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