



# PBF 2024

THE PEGGY BROWNING FUND  
FELLOWS BROCHURE

# MEET OUR FELLOWS

## 2024



It is my great honor to present the Peggy Browning Fund Fellowship Class of 2024! These 118 law students represent the emerging leaders of labor law and are more than up to the challenge! Once again, this is our largest cohort of Fellows in PBF's history—a statement that has been true each year since I have had the privilege of leading this illustrious organization. American labor power is growing. We have unions, firms, and worker justice centers reaching out to join our network and tap into our wide pool of extraordinarily talented candidates. The Fellows you will read about here are some of the best and brightest, who while at the start of their labor law careers, are all already labor advocates. Most of these Fellows grew up in a union household or are union members themselves. Many come from working class backgrounds to support working class people. This is more than a job for them: this is their calling.

We are thrilled to see the labor movement embrace and support the kinds of emerging talent that our PBF Fellows represent. Between the growth of U.S. labor, and the mass retirement of current senior leaders, we all need to invest in and support young labor advocates.

**PBF is proud to be the place where one generation of workplace justice advocates opens the door to the next.** We want to give our deep appreciation to our Mentor Organizations who provide such empowering opportunities to our PBF Fellows. We are so proud to count you all as our partners in this work.

We'd also like to share our deep thanks to all the folks who make the Peggy Browning Fund the powerhouse of labor talent it is today. Our small staff works tirelessly on behalf of our Fellows—this isn't just a job to us either! We have an incredible Board of Directors whose investment in the organization and the labor movement is contagious. Countless alumni volunteer each year in our Regional Workshops, National Law Students Workers' Rights Conference, Award Ceremonies, and so much more. But none of our work could be accomplished without our donors. We are 100% donor-funded by individuals and organizations within the labor movement and receive no corporate, government, or foundation funding. Every Fellow in this brochure is here because someone believed in the future of the labor movement enough to directly contribute to its success. Thank you for your support and please join us in congratulating our 2024 PBF Fellows!

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Rachel Del Rossi  
Executive Director

# 2024 FELLOWS AT A GLANCE

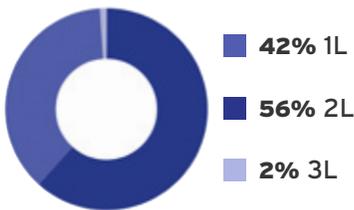
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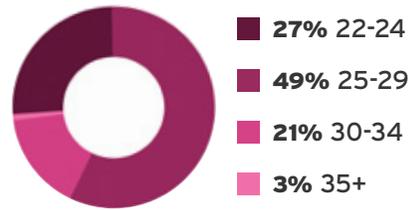
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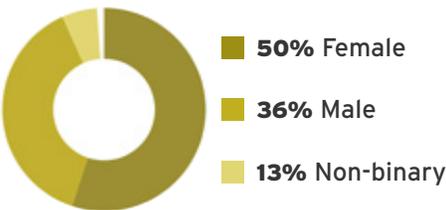
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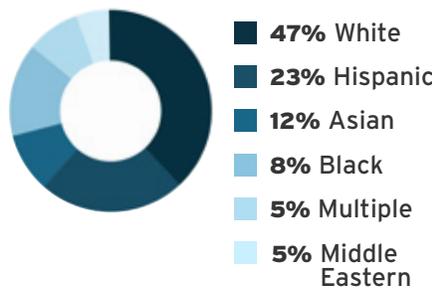
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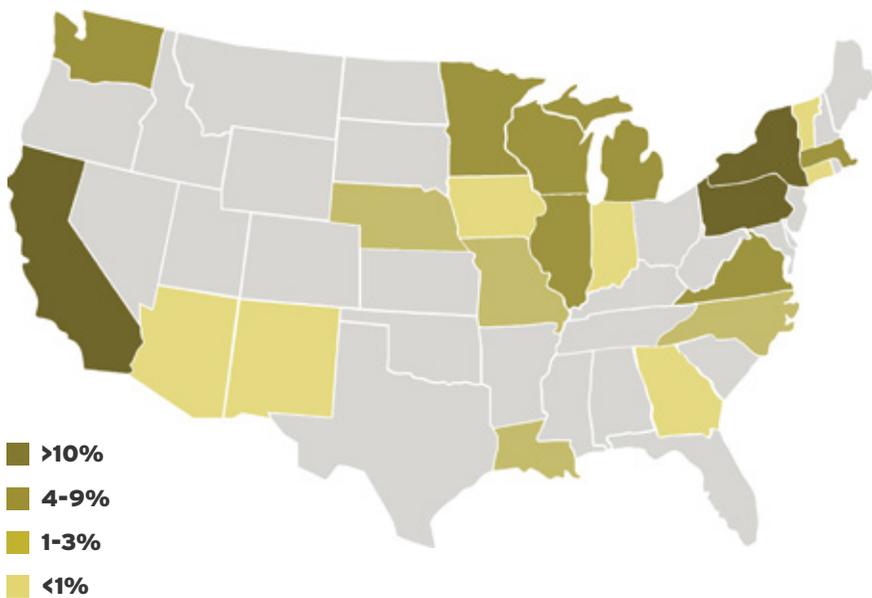
## GENDERS



## ETHNICITY



## Fellows From 23 STATES



## SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

- Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana
- American University Washington College of Law
- Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
- Boston University School of Law
- Brooklyn Law School
- Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law
- Chicago-Kent College of Law
- City University of New York School of Law
- Cleveland State University College of Law
- Columbia Law School
- Cornell Law School
- Duke University School of Law
- Emory University School of Law
- George Washington University Law School
- Georgetown University Law Center
- Harvard Law School
- Howard University School of Law
- Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law
- Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
- Michigan State University College of Law
- New York University School of Law
- Northeastern University School of Law
- Notre Dame Law School
- Penn State Law
- Saint Louis University School of Law
- Seattle University School of Law
- Southern University Law Center
- Southwestern Law School
- St. John's University School of Law
- Stanford Law School
- Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law
- Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University
- University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
- University of California Law San Francisco
- University of California, Davis School of Law
- University of California, Irvine School of Law
- University of California, Los Angeles School of Law
- University of Chicago Law School
- University of Illinois College of Law
- University of Iowa College of Law
- University of Michigan Law School
- University of Minnesota Law School
- University of Nebraska College of Law
- University of New Mexico School of Law
- University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
- University of Pittsburgh School of Law
- University of Virginia School of Law
- University of Washington School of Law
- University of Wisconsin Law School
- Vermont Law and Graduate School
- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law
- Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
- William & Mary Law School
- Yale Law School



## GABE AGUILAR, JD 2026

*He/Him*  
University of California, Los Angeles  
School of Law, CA | American  
Federation of State, County and  
Municipal Employees (AFSCME), DC

Born and raised in El Paso, Texas, Gabe graduated from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies. After college, he worked on several local political campaigns, where he was inspired to become more directly involved in an issue he cared deeply about: union organizing. Gabe began organizing with SEIU, where he worked on several campaigns involving gig workers and healthcare workers. After SEIU, Gabe worked for AFSCME as a Field Data Coordinator. There, he trained organizers and affiliates in digital organizing tools. Both experiences were incredibly rewarding and they solidified Gabe's commitment to the labor movement. Gabe is grateful to be selected as a Peggy Browning Fellow and is excited to see how working with organized labor can manifest from a legal perspective.



## AVERY ALLEN, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
Duke University School of Law, NC |  
CASA, MD

Avery graduated from Mount Holyoke College, where she studied Latin American Studies and Spanish. After college, she worked in the service industry, was a Fulbright Scholar in Colombia, and worked as a Weil Legal Innovator Fellow at RAICES. As a first-year law student at Duke University, Allen is a board member of both the Duke Immigrant and Refugee Project and Duke Law's Government and Public Interest Society. In addition, she is thrilled to be working with other Duke students to start a Labor and Workers Rights Alliance. As a first-time Peggy Browning Fellow, Avery looks forward to continuing to build a career as an advocate for migrant justice.



## ABED ALSOLAIMAN, JD 2026

*He/Him*  
University of Chicago Law School, IL  
| PowerSwitch Action, CA

Abed grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah. Before law school, he studied economic history at the University of Chicago, where he became interested in the fight for workers' rights. During his undergraduate years, he took on leadership roles at both the Utah Muslim Civic League and Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition, advocating on behalf of American-Muslims in both states. He also interned at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where he worked alongside lawyers combatting discrimination in the workplace. Abed decided to pursue a law degree at the University of Chicago Law School, planning to use his degree to advocate on behalf of workers. This summer, he will serve as a Peggy Browning Fellow at PowerSwitch Action, where he is excited to gain firsthand exposure to attorneys' roles in advancing workplace democracy.



## LEE C. ANDERSON, JD 2025

*She/Her*  
Catholic University of America  
Columbus School of Law, DC |  
Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy &  
Welch, P.C., DC

Lee was raised in Montgomery County, Maryland. She studied art history and museum studies at St. Mary's College of Maryland. After earning her bachelor's degree, Lee worked as a paralegal at a boutique union-side labor law firm in Washington, D.C. for six years. Although Lee assisted the firm's principal in preparing for collective bargaining arbitration, she was primarily responsible for the firm's health insurance subrogation department. Lee is thrilled to be following in the footsteps of her father, Darryl J. Anderson, a union-side labor lawyer, as she begins work as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Mooney, Greene, Saindon, Murphy & Welch, PC in Washington, D.C. Lee is the Events Chair for her law school's Democratic Law Students Association, and is excited to serve as the Association's President this coming fall.



## **NATASHA ANIS, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
University of Washington School  
of Law, WA | Drivers Union WA,  
Affiliated with Teamsters 117, WA

Natasha is a first-year law student and Gates Public Service Scholar dedicated to empowering workers through collective organizing and action. Before coming to law school, she worked as a union organizer for the UAW, building new bargaining units from the worker-level up. Her passion for labor law stems from her background in abolitionist organizing, where she observed the need for more secure and living-wage jobs for returning citizens. After completing a Fulbright grant in East Kalimantan, Indonesia, she worked in labor, civil rights, and education federal policy in Washington, DC. Natasha is interested in the direct impact storytelling has on political movements and community-led organizing. As the daughter of first-generation immigrants, she is inspired by the labor movement as a way for immigrant communities to build power and advocate for their futures. As a labor lawyer, she hopes to use her experience to better assist newly unionizing workers grow their campaigns through legal advocacy and political education. She is excited to spend this summer with the Drivers Union.



## **BRIANNA ATTAMANTE, JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
University of Minnesota Law School,  
MN | Kraw Law Group, APC, CA

Brianna was born and raised in West Orange, New Jersey. The granddaughter of a former IBEW member, she always had an interest in workers' rights. For her undergraduate degree, Brianna attended Rutgers University–New Brunswick, where she contributed to the “Climate Justice is Worker Justice” panel in the Humanities Action Lab’s traveling “Climates of Inequality” exhibit. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in history, she did a service term with the National Civilian Community Corps, AmeriCorps NCCC. Along with her team, Brianna traveled across the United States, working on a farm, restoring historic buildings, rehabilitating refugees, and more. At the University of Minnesota Law School, she has volunteered with the Minnesota Justice Foundation and Asylum Law Project, advocating for immigrant and asylum seekers’ rights. Brianna is excited to join the Peggy Browning Fellowship community and looks forward to working with Kraw Law Group, APC.



## **NRITHYA ANUKONDA, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Loyola University Chicago School  
of Law, IL | Massachusetts Teachers  
Association (MTA), MA

Nrithya grew up in the Bay Area and graduated from the University of San Francisco with a degree in Finance and a minor in Legal Studies. Nrithya worked in politics and advocacy from 2018 to 2023. As a political worker she joined the Campaign Workers Guild (CWG), where she served as a steward for nearly two years, representing her coworkers, keeping the union shop organized, and bargaining over working conditions. She also served as an Executive Council Member with CWG, providing infrastructure support. Nrithya is currently enrolled at Loyola University Chicago Law School and the Vice President of the Campaign Workers Guild. Nrithya is looking forward to continuing to build worker power as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA).



## **ASTRID AUNE, JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
City University of New York School  
of Law, NY | Service Employees  
International Union (SEIU), DC

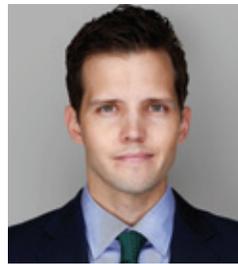
Astrid M. Aune is a third-year law student in the evening program at the CUNY School of Law. Before law school, she earned a bachelor’s degree in Global Studies at New York University and a master’s degree in Social Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Astrid serves as the Deputy Chief of Staff for State Senator Jessica Ramos, who represents neighborhoods in central and western Queens and chairs the Senate Committee on Labor. In her nearly three years working for Senator Ramos, Astrid has worked on legislation to raise and index the minimum wage, codify salary transparency in job descriptions, protect workers and whistleblowers from retaliation, recover stolen wages, and protect warehouse workers from dangerous and predatory surveillance. She is a founding member of the organizing committee of the New York State Legislative Workers United, who are organizing state legislative staff towards their first collective bargaining agreement.



**ANA AVENDANO  
MARTINEZ, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
University of Wisconsin Law School,  
WI | Farmworker and Landscaper  
Advocacy Project (FLAP), IL

Ana was born in Mexico City and now calls Chicago home. During undergrad, Ana served in AmeriCorps and interned for the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. Before law school, Ana worked as a legal assistant, supporting detained asylum seekers in El Paso, TX and Juarez, MX. There, she wrote “Know your Rights” materials and expanded post-detention release aid programs. She also served on the first steering committee of her nonprofit’s union, helping lead the union from initial formation to contract bargaining. Ana has volunteered in various capacities, including helping migrant families affected by the family separation policy, translating for counsel investigating inhumane treatment of migrant youth, and participating in the Emergency Workplace Organizing Committee. Ana hopes to use the tenets of community lawyering to further workers’ rights. She is excited to study the ways in which immigration and labor laws intersect in the lives of immigrant workers this summer.



**BRAD BAINUM, JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
George Washington University Law  
School, D.C. | Communications  
Workers of America (CWA), DC

Originally from Maryland, Brad is the proud son of a union member and is passionate about workplace democracy and justice. Before law school, he worked for eight years in electoral politics on campaigns across the country, furthering his interest in workers’ rights and—for him—underscoring the importance of organizing and building worker power to benefit all. During that time, Brad also saw firsthand how his partner’s work organizing two of her workplaces positively impacted her fellow employees. As a law student, he has interned at the NLRB’s Division of Judges and volunteered with the Washington Lawyers’ Committee’s Workers’ Rights Clinic. He is a 2014 graduate of Bowdoin College. Brad is excited to be a PBF Fellow this summer and is thrilled to be able to support CWA’s important work.



**SAMUEL BALL, JD 2025**

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

Before he considered a legal career, Samuel completed a master’s degree in comparative literature, did a brief stint in publishing, and worked as a librarian in rural Michigan during the COVID-19 pandemic. These experiences—coupled with witnessing the impact of holistic advocacy while working at a community-focused immigration organization—led him to law school. At NYU Law, he has deepened his focus on employment issues as a student advocate in NYU’s Civil Litigation Employment Law Clinic and intern at Catholic Migration Services. Samuel is excited to join Make the Road New York this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow and continue to support workers’ rights at the intersection of employment and immigration issues.



**SADIE BASILA, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
University of Pennsylvania Carey  
Law School, PA | Justice at Work  
(Philadelphia), PA

Sadie’s passion for workers’ rights grew out of her experiences working in food service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her interest in the movement deepened through her undergraduate coursework, supporting a union drive on her college campus, and working with the Maine Immigrants’ Rights Coalition (MIRC). At MIRC, she witnessed the unique labor issues that immigrants face and decided to become a part of the solution to those problems. Before law school, Sadie graduated magna cum laude from Bates College with a double major in Politics and Economics, writing her economics thesis on how stronger labor protections can address economic inequality. In law school, she serves as a 1L Representative for the Employment Advocacy Project and has assisted unemployed individuals seeking navigation services in North Philadelphia. Sadie is excited and honored to learn more about the intersection of immigration and labor law at Justice at Work Philadelphia.



## NOA BATLAN, JD 2025

*They/Them*  
University of California, Davis  
School of Law, CA | Weinberg, Roger  
& Rosenfeld, CA

Noa Batlan grew up between Oakland, California and the D.C. area but has most recently called Chicago home. They are currently a rising third-year at UC Davis, where they co-direct the Workers' Justice Law Association and Gender & Name Change Clinic. Before law school, Noa collaborated with community organizers to support immigration, housing, and labor campaigns at Beyond Legal Aid in Chicago. Noa graduated with a bachelor of arts in Sociology from the University of Chicago. As a UC Berkeley Labor Center Fellow, Noa organized restaurant workers in the Bay Area and studied the impacts of gentrification on the local food industry. One of their continuing areas of interest is the role of trans and queer folks in the movement. Noa is very excited to return to the Bay Area and continue building worker power.



## MATTIE BONO, JD 2025

*She/Her*  
Northeastern University School  
of Law, IL | Women's Law Project  
(Philadelphia), PA

Growing up in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mattie learned about meaningful community engagement from her grandparents, both of whom were dedicated civil rights activists. Throughout her life, Mattie has always been passionate about the rights of women and LGBTQ+ community members, and—after completing her legal studies—hopes to work at the intersection of gender and workplace equity. Before attending law school, Mattie worked on a variety of projects focused on the advancement of women and girls. Most notably, she taught comprehensive and inclusive sexual health to middle schoolers as part of a grant designed to mitigate adolescent pregnancy in rural counties. As a Peggy Browning Fellow, Mattie is excited to build upon her knowledge and experience in advancing workplace equity for all identities at the Women's Law Project in Philadelphia.



## MEL BORJA, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
University of Virginia School of  
Law, VA | Washington Lawyers'  
Committee for Civil Rights and  
Urban Affairs, DC

Hannah "Mel" Borja is a first-year Public Service Scholar at the University of Virginia School of Law. She has a background as a policy analyst, small business owner, congressional employee, and political organizer. Before law school, Mel was the Worker Power Policy Analyst at The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis (TCI), supporting campaigns to expand collective bargaining rights and protect Virginia workers. She also served on TCI United's bargaining committee, where she helped negotiate the organization's first collective bargaining agreement. She has served as Vice Chair of the Virginia Office of New Americans Advisory Board and managed the immigration casework portfolio for a U.S. Senator. Born and raised in Virginia, Mel is the proud daughter of an Ecuadorian immigrant father & Puerto Rican mother. She is passionate about issues that impact working people and the Latino community in Virginia, particularly issues at the intersection of labor and immigration. Mel earned her bachelor of arts in Global Studies: Security and Justice with a minor in Social Entrepreneurship from the University of Virginia.



## DAVÍD BRICEÑO, JD 2025

*He/Him*  
University of California College  
of the Law, San Francisco, CA |  
Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld, CA

David was born and raised in Ventura, CA. Before college, David worked in agriculture, retail, manufacturing, and warehouse environments performing low-wage work. David also spent his time as a performing musician organizing concerts for local and touring artists. David received a B.A. in Philosophy from UC Berkeley. During that time, he enrolled in a course conducting labor research to inform policy action for California Domestic Workers Coalition and worked as an archivist for the Fred Ross Project. At UC Law, David has served as a legal counselor for Legal Aid at Work's Workers' Rights Clinic, volunteered as an organizer for United Legal Educators-UAW student worker union, and serves as Treasurer for the Employment and Labor Law Student Association. David has previously clerked for California Nurses Association/National Nurses United and is honored to join the firm Weinberg, Roger, and Rosenfeld for his 2L summer.



**GRACE CARPENTER,  
JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Washington University in St. Louis  
School of Law, MO | Chicago News  
Guild (Summer 2024), IL

Grace was introduced to the labor movement at a young age, when she witnessed the 2011 labor protests in her hometown of Madison, Wisconsin. She was inspired by the way the people of her state stood up for themselves and each other, and her community's support for unions had a strong presence throughout her upbringing. Grace majored in Computer Science and Economics at the University of Minnesota, maintaining her interest in organized labor and commitment to economic equality. She spent a summer as a full-time canvasser for Working America AFL-CIO, where she engaged people in direct political action and learned about the challenges faced by working Americans. At Washington University, Grace is involved with the Labor & Employment Law Society, the American Constitution Society, and the Comedy Caucus. She is honored to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and excited to join the team at the Chicago News Guild.



**SARAH CLEMENTS,  
JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
Georgetown University Law Center,  
DC | Communications Workers of  
America (CWA), DC

Sarah is from Newtown, Connecticut, and received her bachelor's degree in Government, Justice & Peace Studies, and Jewish Civilization from Georgetown University. Before law school, she spent almost a decade as an advocate in the gun violence prevention movement, electoral politics, and strategic communications. In 2021, with the help of NewsGuild-CWA, Sarah and her colleagues formed a union at The Appeal, and later turned the news outlet into a worker self-directed non-profit that continues to publish critical journalism today. This experience—and later working at the AFL-CIO—inspired Sarah to become a labor lawyer to support organizers and build worker power. Sarah is the editor-in-chief of the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy and a research assistant in constitutional legal history. As the daughter of two union educators and as a former CWA member, Sarah is thrilled to be joining her home union as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



**KATY COOK, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
University of Washington School of  
Law, WA | Equal Justice Center, TX

As a first-generation college and law student from Miami, Florida, Katy proudly represents her Venezuelan roots and low-income background as she pursues her legal education at the University of Washington School of Law. The daughter of an immigrant domestic worker, Katy recognizes that labor exploitation and injustice against immigrant communities are deeply intertwined issues. At 17, she began organizing by participating in immigrant justice actions. Then, while studying at Florida International University, Katy organized with Florida Student Power Network's Migrant Justice Committee and worked for School Board Member Santos to advance equity in Miami-Dade schools. As a legal assistant at a criminal appeals firm, Katy has witnessed how the legal system uniquely burdens marginalized communities seeking justice and relief. With her experiences and education, Katy is committed to empowering immigrant workers while working to eliminate the systems that allow the exploitation and abuse they face. She is honored to be a Fellow for the Equal Justice Center.



**ROB COOK, JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law,  
NY | Cohen, Weiss and Simon LLP,  
NY

Before law school, Rob worked as a union organizer at the Hotel and Gaming Trades Council, AFL-CIO, for six years. There, he was inspired to become a lawyer after seeing the creative work that the Council's legal team engaged in. Last summer, Rob clerked for the National Labor Relations Board in Region 29, investigating unfair labor practices and conducting legal research. Currently a 2L student, Robert is a member of the Cardozo School of Law's Immigration Justice Clinic, where he has researched federal work authorization policy and drafted a motion that ultimately resulted in a U.S. Army veteran's lawful permanent resident status being restored after he was deported two decades ago. Rob 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.



## PHILIPP CORFMAN, JD 2025

*He/Him*

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

Philipp is a proud Ohioan and a passionate advocate of worker rights. From the teachers' unions that fought against standardized testing in his school district, to the labor coalition that stopped so-called Right To Work from coming to his hometown of West Chester, Philipp has long been inspired by the power of the labor movement to not only protect workers, but also to strengthen communities and fight for broader change. After working in politics for several years, Philipp went to law school to be a part of that movement. Since then, he has worked with the Guardians for Fair Work campaign to enact anti-wage theft ordinances across the Cleveland area while advocating for CSU|Law to allow paid externships, improve support for parenting students, and offer more opportunities in labor and employment law. He is excited to continue working at Fusco Gallagher & Porcaro as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



## DANIELLE CROSS, JD 2026

*She/Her*

Yale Law School, CT | Community Legal Services (CLS), PA

Originally from Jamaica, Danielle studied Psychological Sciences and Political Science at the University of Connecticut. With a commitment to using data analysis for the public good, she pursued a Master of Public Policy degree after interning with the Labor and Public Employees Committee of the Connecticut State Government. Her experiences at two Connecticut-based non-profits strengthened her dedication to addressing employment barriers faced by marginalized groups, including litigation related to discrimination and wage theft. She is currently a student attorney for Yale Law's Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic and an Executive Editor of the Yale Journal of Law and Policy. Danielle aims to support the labor movement and advance workplace justice and eagerly anticipates her summer PBF Fellowship with the Community Legal Services team.



## ANDY CROW, JD 2025

*They/Them*

New York University School of Law, NY | Levy Ratner, NY

Andy's passion for labor rights developed while, as a PhD student at Columbia University, they struggled to pay their bills. They led a movement to organize fellow graduate students and their workplace, seeing the campaign from a successful NLRB petition that restored graduate workers' union rights to a landslide Union Yes victory. After graduating, Andy became a tenure-track professor. Their forthcoming book *Austerity Measures: The Poetics of Food Insecurity in Early Modern England* (University of Pennsylvania Press) provides an anti-classist literary history uncovering poets' involvement in agriculture work and food access rights. As a professor, Andy organized efforts to improve conditions for LGBTQ+ employees, increasing trans healthcare coverage and running workshops on gender inclusion. Andy decided to make the fight for workers' rights their full-time job, leaving their academic post to pursue labor law. They loved their 1L internship with Region O2 of the NLRB, and look forward to continuing to serve the labor movement as a PBF Fellow at Levy Ratner this summer.



## JORGE CUBILLOS, JD 2026

*He/Him*

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA | Wage Justice Center, CA

Jorge grew up in an immigrant farm worker family in a rural community outside Fresno, California. Motivated to invest in his community, Jorge spent most of his professional years as an admission counselor at his alma mater, Fresno Pacific University, educating students and families about their options for college, often working in immigrant rural communities similar to and including his own. There, Jorge consistently encountered families that faced the same labor and immigration barriers he had grown up with. After volunteering with Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM) Local 85 during their two-month-long strike, he decided to attend law school to support the rights of immigrant workers. Jorge is looking forward to bringing his experience and skills to the Wage Justice Center as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer.



**CYNTHIA DE LUNA,  
JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Southwestern Law School, CA |  
Northwest Workers' Justice Project,  
OR

Cynthia was born and raised in East Side San Jose, California. She developed an appreciation for workers' rights at a young age, influenced by the impactful stories shared by her grandfather, a worker in the Bracero Program, and her father's membership in the Teamsters Union. Cynthia moved to Los Angeles in 2015 to attend UCLA, where she majored in Political Science and Chicano Studies and minored in Labor and Workplace Studies. Through her education, she was able to delve into the intersections of labor, race, and immigration. After graduating in 2019, she embarked on a career dedicated to social justice. She worked as a tenants' rights paralegal, where she played a crucial role in helping tenants stay housed, demonstrating a commitment to making a positive impact on individuals' lives through legal advocacy. She is honored to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and excited to develop her legal advocacy skills this summer.



**HANNAH DEAN, JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
Thomas R. Kline School of Law of  
Duquesne University, PA | Justice at  
Work (Pittsburgh), PA

Hannah's interest in the intersection between labor, employment, and immigration law arose during an undergraduate Latin American Studies course on migrant labor and its significant contributions to the foodways of the South. She later became deeply involved in immigrant rights advocacy in New Orleans, focusing on the movement for improved language access in public schools and city services. In her work as a legal assistant and an interpreter, Hannah witnessed how corporations and our immigration system put workers in vulnerable positions and the ripple effect that unstable or unsafe work has on immigrants' health and housing access. Those experiences strengthened her commitment to holistic advocacy and led her to pursue law school. In the future, Hannah hopes to use her law degree to contribute to movements for worker and immigrant justice. She is absolutely thrilled to start that work as a PBF Fellow this summer alongside the incredible staff at Justice at Work.



**JANE DIAMOND, JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
University of California, Davis  
School of Law, CA | Gilbert &  
Sackman, CA

Jane was born and raised in the Sacramento area. After earning her bachelor's degree in History from the University of Virginia, Jane worked for several years as a legal assistant at law firms in Virginia and Southern California. Her experience in the workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic informed her belief in the importance of building worker solidarity. As a law student, Jane's experience interning at a Sacramento labor law firm and volunteering for the Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center has deepened her interest in the labor movement. Employed by her school as a Torts Tutor, Jane is a proud member of United Auto Workers Local 2865, which represents over 36,000 tutors, readers, graduate student instructors, graduate student researchers, and teaching assistants at the University of California. She is excited to further her path in labor law this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Gilbert & Sackman in Los Angeles.



**CAMERON DICHTER,  
JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
University of California, Davis  
School of Law, CA | Gladstein, Reif &  
Meginniss, LLP, NY

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Cameron's passion for the labor movement developed while serving as a union delegate for District 1199C, which he joined while working as a paralegal at a Philadelphia legal aid organization. His experiences both as a paralegal and union delegate shaped Cameron's understanding of how legal advocacy and labor organizing can be jointly utilized to achieve economic justice. Since moving to California for law school, Cameron has further developed—and built upon—his experience in the labor movement by interning for SEIU Local 1000 in Sacramento and volunteering for the Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center in Nevada. He is thrilled to spend his summer supporting unions as a PBF Fellow at Gladstein, Reif & Meginniss and to be part of the Peggy Browning community.



## CAELAN DICK, JD 2026

*He/Him*

Columbia Law School, NY |  
Solidarity Law, ME

Caelan is passionate about building worker power through collective action. Originally from Virginia Beach, Virginia, Caelan went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for undergrad. After college, Caelan worked as a paralegal at the Federal Trade Commission, where he repeatedly saw the interdependence between labor and antitrust issues. Caelan has also been volunteering in various labor organizing projects over the last year. He has been inspired by witnessing the transformative power of labor organizing, and believes that it is incredible what workers can accomplish when they band together and engage in common struggle, both inside and outside the workplace!



## CAROLYN FELICE, JD 2025

*She/Her*

Northeastern University School of  
Law, MA | New York State United  
Teachers (NYSUT), Latham, NY

Carolyn is a second-year law student from Owego, New York. As the daughter of a public school teacher, Carolyn had the privilege of growing up surrounded by a vibrant community of teachers. She is a proud graduate of the State University of New York at Geneseo. During her undergraduate studies, she further developed her twin passions for reproductive justice and the labor movement. After graduating, Carolyn spent a year at Legal Assistance of Western New York as an AmeriCorps paralegal in the re-entry unit. There, she worked with clients at the fraught intersection of employment and criminal law. She then taught English in rural Northern France, where she witnessed multiple teacher strikes. Carolyn hopes to use her law degree to build people power. She is thrilled to join the legal team as a Peggy Browning Fellow at New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) this summer.



## BENNETT FLANAGAN, JD 2025

*He/Him*

Georgetown University Law Center,  
DC | Sherman Dunn, P.C., DC

From Tiverton, Rhode Island, Bennett has always wanted to be a lawyer. He attended public school before attending Roger Williams University, where he received his bachelor's degrees in Legal Studies and Political Science. With two parents and an older brother working in public schools, Bennett has long been familiar with the benefits of a unionized workplace. After spending the better part of a decade working in private restaurants and a year interning for his local Congressperson and hearing directly from people suffering from the economic hardships exacerbated by COVID-19, Bennett knew he wanted to use his law degree to advocate for workers. He spent his 1L summer aiding in the representation of individual workers in Rhode Island and is excited to immerse himself in labor law as a Peggy Browning Fellow with Sherman Dunn, P.C. this summer.



## TALIA GAL-OSHER, JD 2025

*She/Her*

St. John's University School of Law,  
NY | Spivak Lipton LLP, NY

After graduating from Washington University in St. Louis in 2016, Talia found her way back to New York City and immersed herself in the non-profit world. She decided to pursue law school after her experience working at the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), where she represented low-income New Yorkers as they fought the wrongful denial of their disability benefits. While at NYLAG, Talia became involved in the unionizing process and was chosen to represent her unit's non-attorney staff on the collective bargaining committee. Now, as a second-year law student at St. John's University School of Law, Talia is excited to expand her knowledge of labor and employment law and develop the skills necessary to advocate for a more just and equitable society as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Spivak Lipton.



**VICTOR GALOV,  
JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
Cornell Law School, NY | Hayes  
Dolce, NY

As a Bulgarian immigrant growing up in the D.C. area, Victor watched his parents build a good life for themselves working too hard for too little. The seeds of his passion for the labor movement sprouted with the graduate student strike at NYU in his senior year of undergrad. Since then, he has been committed to organizing and advocating for workers and their rights. Victor has worked as a legal intern in the same immigration firm that arranged his coming to the United States and for the Broome County Public Defender’s office. At Cornell Law School, he is a stalwart defender of labor rights, serving as the Labor and Employment Co-Chair of the Cornell National Lawyers Guild and as a student representative on the NLG national steering committee for labor and employment. This summer, Victor is thrilled to be interning as a Peggy Browning Fellow with Hayes Dolce in Buffalo, NY.



**AURORA GARCIA,  
JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
University of Nebraska College of  
Law, NE | Legal Aid at Work, CA

Raised in the Midwest and a proud daughter of Mexican immigrants, Aurora’s interest in labor and employment law—particularly in workers’ rights—developed from her personal experiences. Through her lifelong experiences interpreting for her family, Aurora learned of the unfair discrimination and exploitation that her family and the members of her working-class immigrant community faced at work. After graduating from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Aurora worked for various law firms in Chicago before starting law school. During law school, Aurora served as a student interpreter for the University of Nebraska College of Law’s Immigration Clinic. She is a member of the Multicultural Legal Society, the Hispanic Law Student Association, and the Equal Justice Society. A returning Peggy Browning Fellow, Aurora is thrilled to deepen her understanding of legal advocacy and learn more about the workers’ rights movement this summer.



**MADLINE GEHRIG,  
JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Saint Louis University School of  
Law, MO | Maurice & Jane Sugar  
Law Center for Economic & Social  
Justice, MI

Madeline was born and raised in Alton, Illinois. While attending Saint Louis University and earning a 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 worker’s 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. She is thrilled to be working with Sugar Law this summer and hopes to do everything she can to help and empower others in our fight for social and economic justice. In her free time, she enjoys thrifting, hanging out with her dog Blair, and shamelessly watching reality TV.



**LENISHA GIBSON,  
JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
University of Wisconsin Law School,  
WI | Chicago News Guild (School  
Year), IL

Lenisha Gibson (she/her/hers) is a daughter, organizer, political strategist and aspiring legal professional born and raised in South Florida. With a passion for justice, equity and data, Lenisha has several cycles of experience in labor, electoral, and community organizing. She has served in positions of leadership for many organizations including being current Political Director with Dream Defenders and serving on the Racial Justice Task Force for Broward County. She holds a B.S. in Political Science with a concentration in Statistics and Leadership Studies. In her free time, Lenisha can be found doing community service, listening to her extensive music collection, coding web applications or dashboards, painting and playing piano.

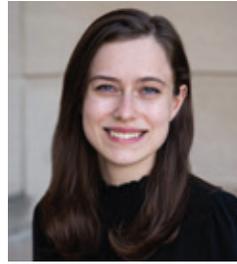


## NICK GONZALEZ, JD 2026

*He/Him*

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

Born and raised in 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 served on the Bargaining Committee of Georgetown's graduate student labor union, with whom he helped successfully negotiate their most recent contract. With his background and education, Nick seeks to bolster union organizing, collective bargaining, and pro-worker public policy. Nick is honored to be a PBF Fellow and eager to learn from his colleagues.



## KYLA GRAVES, JD 2025

*She/Her*

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

Kyla was born into, and raised in, a working-class union family: her dad is a member of the UFCW and her mom is a machinist. Growing up, Kyla was keenly aware that what she did have, she had because of her dad's union. Fueled with a passion to help others, Kyla was the first in her family to attend both college and graduate school. She completed two master's degrees; one in International Law and Human Rights and the other in Coexistence and Conflict Resolution. In 2018, shortly after Kyla graduated, her dad's union went on strike. Realizing that unions were the best avenue for improving material conditions and securing collective rights, the strike motivated her to pursue law school and become a union-side labor lawyer. Before law school, Kyla investigated enforced disappearances with KontraS (Commission for Missing Persons and Victims of Violence) in Indonesia and worked as a program coordinator for AmeriCorps Legal Advocates of Massachusetts.



## MEREDITH GUDESBLATT, JD 2026

*She/Her*

Harvard Law School, MA | Workers Defense Project, TX

Meredith is pursuing a legal career to work at the intersection of migration, labor, and human rights to advance justice for migrant workers. Originally from Long Island, Meredith studied Latin American Studies and Human Rights at Cornell University. During the next decade, she worked with unaccompanied immigrant children as a paralegal in Florida with Americans for Immigrant Justice; in Texas with KIND, the Tahirih Justice Center, and ProBAR; and in New Jersey with the Rutgers University Immigration-Foster Care Initiative. 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 her clients, mostly low-wage workers experiencing exploitative labor practices, made her determined to expand her knowledge of labor and employment law. She is excited to spend the summer as a PBF Fellow with WDP and continue to build worker power.

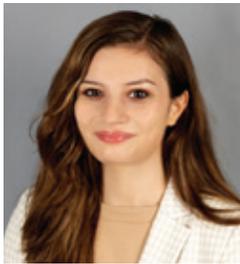


## YESSENIA GUTIERREZ, JD 2026

*She/Her*

University of Minnesota Law School, MN | United Auto Workers (UAW), MI

Before law school, Yessenia worked as a compliance investigator for the Philadelphia Department of Labor, where she earned a 2023 Integrity Icon award. There, she and her coworkers successfully organized the workplace under AFSCME Local 2187, increasing funding for the department and Philadelphia 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. Active in community organizing since college, Yessenia previously worked with reproductive justice and immigration nonprofits and as a union organizer. A first-year student at UMN, Yessenia is Treasurer for the American Constitution Society, board member of the Asylum Law Project, and 1L representative for both the Student Employment and Labor Law Association and Minnesota Plaintiffs' Law Association. In the long term, Yessenia hopes to aid workers secure standard-bearing contracts in the Just Transition.



**MAURA HERBICK,  
JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
University of Pittsburgh School  
of Law, PA | Women’s Law Project  
(Pittsburgh), PA

Born and raised in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Maura earned her bachelor’s in Neuroscience from Pennsylvania State University. Through her experiences as a woman in STEM, and as an employee in the service industry, she realized the importance of a just, safe, and equitable workplace. Maura came to law school to engage in work that improves the legal and economic status of historically marginalized communities, and last summer, she interned at the Allegheny County Office of the Public Defender. Maura currently serves as a Staff Editor on the University of Pittsburgh Law Review, President of Pitt Law’s Incarcerated Persons Legal Support Project, and a research assistant to a professor. She is honored to be working with the Women’s Law Project this summer and couldn’t be more eager to join in the fight to advance and protect the rights of women, people of color, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community.



**KATRINA HUBER,  
JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
Loyola University New Orleans  
College of Law, LA | Make the Road  
New Jersey, NJ

Katrina is a second-year law student at Loyola University New Orleans. Prior to law school, she spent four years coordinating a program that provided legal advocacy to detained immigrants in Louisiana and Mississippi. During this time, she was also fortunate to be part of a workplace that unionized and negotiated a collective bargaining agreement. Since starting law school, she has interned and volunteered for organizations that support migrant farmworkers and construction workers, and currently clerks for a union-side labor law firm. Katrina is committed to fighting the exploitation of low-wage workers and hopes to use her law degree to support worker organizing.



**ANDREW HULL, JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
Emory University School of Law,  
GA | National Treasury Employees  
Union (NTEU), DC

Andrew is a 2L JD Candidate at Emory University School of Law and the incoming Editor-In-Chief of the Emory International Law Review. This summer, he will be working in DC with the National Treasury Employees Union. A repeat Peggy Browning Fellow, Andrew worked with the Chicago News Guild in the summer of 2023. Prior to law school, he received a PhD in ancient Greek philosophy from Northwestern University, where he served as Co-Chair of his union Northwestern University Graduate Workers (NUGW-UE). He also worked as an adjunct professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago for two years, including during 1L when he would juggle reading for contracts with preparing to lead a three hour online evening class on Plato. His experience as a contingent academic worker drives Andrew’s commitment to the rights of all workers, and he is excited to advocate for public sector workers with the NTEU.



**JORDAN JAIN, JD 2026**

*He/Him*  
Northeastern University School  
of Law, MA | United Steelworkers  
(USW), PA

After graduating from Johns Hopkins University majoring in sociology and international studies, Jordan became a higher education organizer in Maryland with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). There, he worked with part-time professors to support them in unionizing their workplaces and improving working conditions at the four largest community colleges in Maryland. After encountering several challenges in organizing, including instances of employer retaliation, he decided to attend law school to gain the legal skills needed to help workers understand their rights and improve their workplace conditions. In law school, he has continued to involve himself in workers’ rights initiatives through his leadership role within the Northeastern Employment & Labor Law Association (NELLA). Jordan is excited to continue to advocate for workers as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the United Steelworkers this summer.



## MAYA JOSEPH, JD 2025

*She/Her, They/Them*  
Notre Dame Law School, IN | Bush  
Gottlieb, CA

Maya is from Austin, Texas, and graduated from the University of North Texas with a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and a minor in Peace Studies. She was raised in a working-class family by a fantastic single mom who instilled in her a commitment to social justice and human rights. A passionate enthusiast of film and television media, Maya is motivated by the recent writers' and actors' strikes to take action against the grim working conditions in the entertainment industry. Maya believes that the foundations of society are built on the shoulders of workers and laborers alike; without them, social and economic systems are in danger of failing. She aims to gain a deeper understanding of union-side law and take an active role in advocating for workers' rights to ensure dignity and respect are maintained for all workers.



## MELANIE KANE, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
Temple University James E. Beasley  
School of Law, PA | United Food and  
Commercial Workers International  
Union (UFCW), DC

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Melanie studied sociology at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, before moving to Philadelphia shortly after graduating. There, she worked on an organizing campaign at a Philadelphia restaurant, where her coworkers' fight for better conditions, and the possibilities of collective action, deeply inspired her. Melanie came to Temple Law with the intention of developing her legal advocacy and lawyering skills, with the ultimate goal of aiding workers in their pursuit of dignity, agency, and improved material conditions in their workplaces. Melanie is excited to spend her 1L summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow at the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, learning about how to leverage the law to advance the labor movement and workers' fights to gain and exercise their collective power.



## SAM KEASER, JD 2026

*He/Him*  
New York University School of Law,  
NY | United Auto Workers (UAW), MI

From Heath, Ohio, Sam is a first-generation college student and union organizer. After completing his undergraduate studies at Amherst College in Religion, he attended Harvard Divinity School, where he received his 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 an organizer with HGSU and spent the following two years organizing academic workers into new unions across California and the Midwest. A first-year student at NYU Law, Sam organizes with the NYU Researchers United organizing committee and is a board member of the Driver Protection Project, an advocacy group representing taxi and app-based drivers in NYC's administrative trial court. His favorite way to spend a weekend is with partner and their two dogs, Tater Tot and Benedict.



## CHRISTINE KEATING, JD 2025

*She/Her*  
Georgetown University Law Center,  
DC | O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP,  
DC

Christine's interest in workplace justice and workers' rights developed when she, alongside her co-workers, organized their workplace. The experience gave her an on-the-ground education in labor law, which she found deeply empowering. Christine spent late nights reading NLRB decisions to understand the law better and fight misinformation about unions. When she and several other organizers were laid off, Christine experienced the ULP and settlement process first-hand. Her commitment to organizing only strengthened when, while earning a graduate certificate in Labor Relations from the City University of New York, Christine worked at the Actors' Equity Association. While at Georgetown Law, she has interned at the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights and UFCW. Now a rising 3L, Christine is excited to spend the spend at O'Donoghue and O'Donoghue and hopes to pursue labor law to help other workers fighting for their rights.



**RACHEL KHOURY,  
JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
George Washington University Law School, DC | Farmworker Justice, DC

Rachel earned a BA in African American Studies and Political Science from the University of Florida (UF). Her passion for workplace justice began with co-founding Food Justice at UF, a successful student and worker-led divestment campaign urging UF to contract with an ethical food service provider that does not use prison labor and pays campus workers a living wage. Their work and support resulted in tangible changes as UF campus workers formed a lasting union. She has also led fieldwork research trips to accumulate oral interviews documenting migrant farm work and temporary work visas in the Chesapeake region, as well as the Civil Rights Movement, segregation, and labor organizing in the Mississippi Delta with the UF Samuel Proctor Oral History Program. Her experiences working with the Innocence Project, the Orange County Legal Aid, and the Orlando Center for Justice have fueled her passion to pursue Labor law. She will be the first lawyer in her family.



**GABE KIRSCH, JD 2024**

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

Born and raised in Columbus, Indiana, Gabe is a rising 3L at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. He became inspired to participate in the labor movement in 2015 due to the presidential campaign of Senator Bernie Sanders. Since then, he has dedicated his efforts to becoming a strong advocate for workers. At UCI, Gabe worked in the Workers, Law, and Organizing Clinic where he assisted workers with their wage and hour claims and counseled labor unions on labor and antitrust issues. Gabe also advocated for immigrant rights. As a student leader of UCI Law's Tijuana Border Rights Clinic, he helped deportees file FOIA requests and seek immigration relief.



**SHEEN KIM, JD 2026**

*She/Him/They*  
Stanford Law School, CA | United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE), PA

As a 1L at Stanford Law and Peggy Browning Fellow, Sheen is excited to continue the workers' struggle in every way possible. Sheen not only comes from the union town of Las Vegas, Nevada, but also organized to make Hanover, New Hampshire into one. Before law school, Sheen served as Vice Chair of the Student Worker Collective of Dartmouth, the fifth NLRB-recognized undergraduate worker union. There, Sheen led SWC Dartmouth through its inception, election, and successful contract bargaining—winning a \$21/hour wage and ULP/sympathy strike rights for over 200 student workers. They see labor as the basis of collective power for a brighter future. With the Young Democratic Socialists of America, they have advised multiple burgeoning student unions. Now, they are an area chair in the Stanford Graduate Workers Union - UE. Sheen also cut her teeth in grassroots work with marginalized communities, organizing with the Dartmouth Student Union and now the Stanford Law NLG. She studied Anthropology and Geography at Dartmouth, researching reunification and peace on the Korean Peninsula.



**ABI KOHN, JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
University of Michigan Law School, MI | New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), NYC, NY

Before attending law school, Abi spent five years living in Brooklyn, New York. She began her career first working as a paralegal at a plaintiff-side employment firm, later transition to working in the philanthropy field. Through a combination of personal and professional experiences, she came to appreciate the vitality of democratic workplaces, solidarity among employees, and strong legal support for workers. Abi is committed to using her legal education to serve and strengthen the labor movement, and she could not be more excited and grateful to be working this summer with the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) on behalf of New York teachers.



## KIANNA LANIER, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
Howard University School of Law,  
DC | Washington-Baltimore News  
Guild, DC

Kianna Lanier is a rising second-year law student at Howard University School of Law. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor of arts in political science. Kianna has extensive legal experience working in plaintiff-side personal injury and mass torts. As a mass torts paralegal, Kianna worked to give voice to a group of clients who may not have that voice individually. Her experience and passion for advocacy make her confident in her ability to serve as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Washington-Baltimore News Guild, and is excited about the experience.



## CLAUDIA LARA, JD 2025

*She/Her*  
City University of New York School  
of Law, NY | Arriba Las Vegas  
Worker Center, NV

Claudia, a first-generation Mexican American from Maui, Hawai'i, holds bachelor's degrees in Ethnic Studies and Political Science from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. A dedicated organizer, she has supported various campaigns, including securing driver's licenses and in-state tuition for all Hawai'i residents, regardless of immigration status. After working as an immigration paralegal at Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NMIC), she joined CUNY Law, committed to serving immigrant women workers. During law school, Claudia has interned with the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) and worked for Julien Mirer Singla & Goldstein PLLC, where she deepened her understanding of labor negotiations, supported a hearing before the NLRB, and witnessed the power of collective bargaining. At Arriba, Claudia is eager to learn from immigrant workers organizing to improve their material conditions and the legal creatives who support them. She hopes to return to Maui, as a movement lawyer for low-wage workers.



## KATIE LAWRENCE, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
American University Washington  
College of Law, DC | Federal  
Education Association (FEA-NEA),  
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 in an immigrant community and advocating for her students and their families inspired her to switch careers and pursue her JD to advocate for both educators' and immigrant workers' rights. Katie graduated summa cum laude from Wake Forest University with degrees in Politics & International Affairs and French, focusing her studies on immigration and refugee policy. Now, Katie is a rising 2L at American University in Washington, DC, and is thrilled to be spending the summer as a PBF Fellow with the Federal Education Association, advocating for the rights of educators both stateside and abroad.



## OSCAR LEMUS ARELLANO, JD 2026

*He/Him*  
Alexander Blewett III School of  
Law at the University of Montana,  
MT | Saltzman & Johnson Law  
Corporation, CA

Born in Mexico and raised both in Mexico and Oregon, Oscar has been involved in the labor movement since he was a kid. When he was 8 years old, Oscar began working with his family picking strawberries and blueberries. There, he saw first-hand the strength of collective power, participating in multiple walk-outs and strikes for better wages and working conditions. Before pursuing law school, Oscar earned a dual B.S. in Psychology and Sociology. After finishing his undergraduate studies, he was deeply involved as a leader in a union drive to unionize his workplace in an industry that had never been organized before. After a successful union campaign, Oscar began working as a Union Organizer and was elected as a Steward and eventually as the Union President for his union. His commitment to the labor movement motivated him to pursue a legal degree and attend law school, with the ultimate goal of becoming a labor attorney.



**NOAH LEVINE, JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
 University of Chicago Law School,  
 IL | American Federation of State,  
 County and Municipal Employees  
 (AFSCME), DC

Noah is a second-year law student at the University of Chicago Law School. After growing up in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., Noah studied mathematics at the University of Chicago. Before law school, he was a paralegal at the Washington, D.C. firm Vogel, Slade & Goldstein LLP, working on cases brought by whistleblowers under the False Claims Act. In law school, Noah is a staffer on the Law Review and works at the Employment Law Clinic. He is also president and founder of the University of Chicago chapter of the Law and Political Economy Project, an organization that brings left perspectives into legal scholarship. Noah is excited to work at AFSCME this summer and is grateful to the Peggy Browning Fund for helping him start his career as a labor lawyer.



**EMILY LIU, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
 University of Virginia School of Law,  
 VA | Drivers Union WA, Affiliated  
 with Teamsters 117, WA

Emily's passion for workers' rights and the labor movement stems from her progressive political activism in college as an undergraduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in economics and political science. Her later experiences working for the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division grounded her commitment to pursue a career dedicated to rebalancing corporate and institutional power toward power for working people. Emily is a first-year at the University of Virginia School of Law, where she is President of the Virginia Employment and Labor Law Association and the Off-Grounds Activism Coordinator of the National Lawyers' Guild. As a Peggy Browning Fellow, Emily is excited to contribute toward building a diverse, worker-led future in which all people are able to live with the dignity they deserve.



**CATALINA LONDONO,  
 JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
 Vermont Law and Graduate School,  
 VT | Migrant Justice, VT

Originally from New Jersey, Catalina now calls Vermont her home. Before deciding to pursue law school, Catalina earned her bachelor's degree from West Virginia University where she studied World Religions and Arabic. While her academic experiences expanded her perspective on world issues, Catalina's passion for immigration rights stems from her own community, particularly her Colombian roots. Last summer, Catalina worked as an intake specialist at her law school's immigration clinic where she assisted individuals with asylum and special immigrant juvenile status applications. Catalina hopes that her summer experience as a Peggy Browning Fellow with Migrant Justice will prepare her to both protect the rights of migrant workers facing injustice, while extending her advocacy to safeguard the vulnerable undocumented community in Vermont.



**EMILY LUONG, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
 New York University School of Law,  
 NY | National Employment Law  
 Project (NELP), NYC, NY

Emily Luong was born and raised in San Jose, California. As the daughter of a public-school teacher, she has understood the power of strong unions and labor organizing from a young age. In college, she became interested in empowering marginalized workers as a labor lawyer after interning at UNITE HERE Local 11. After graduating, Emily worked as a legal assistant for an immigration law firm and a program coordinator overseeing the LA County indigent criminal defense bar panel. Emily is excited to further develop her interest in the intersection between the criminal legal system and labor and employment field with the goal of becoming a movement lawyer to advocate alongside impacted communities toward collective liberation. She is honored to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and is looking forward to learning more about developing strategies to address racial justice and economic justice at the National Employment Law Project this summer.



## **AOIFE MADDEN, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Stanford Law School, CA | Reid,  
Ballew, Leahy & Holland L.L.P., WA

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. While working at the Seattle Art Museum, Aoife discovered her passion for workers' rights and labor law. Aoife decided to attend law school after experiencing management pushback over every valid workplace concern from herself and her coworkers. At Stanford, Aoife is a member of the Workers' Rights Pro Bono Project and active in the Stanford Graduate Workers Union efforts. In the Project, run by Legal Aid at Work, she provides relevant legal information from employment lawyers to low-income workers in the Bay Area. Aoife is very excited to join the Peggy Browning community and start her legal career back in Seattle with an amazing organization.



## **NOAH MADOFF, JD 2026**

*He/Him*  
University of Minnesota Law  
School, MN | International Union of  
Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers  
(BAC), DC

Noah is a first-year law student at the University of Minnesota. He received a degree in literature from Harvard University and previously worked for nearly a decade in journalism and documentary film. Noah first became interested in the labor movement and labor rights in the long aftermath of the Great Recession. Somewhere along the way, he developed strong parallel interests in law and political economy. Since returning to his hometown for law school, Noah has spent his spare time providing legal support to the Trader Joe's United union and serving on the executive board of Minnesota's student labor law organization. He is thrilled to be working as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers this summer.



## **AIKO CELESTE MARCIAL RIVERA, JD 2025**

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

Aiko Marcial Rivera (she/her) is an Afro-Mexican immigrant with roots in Guerrero, Mexico. As a Southern California native, daughter of a domestic worker and granddaughter of a gardener, she witnessed the exploitation and workplace injustices that they faced because of their immigration status and inability to speak English. It was their resilience and perseverance to fight for their rights that fostered Aiko's interest in labor and employment law. Inspired by her mother and grandparent's strength, Aiko helped cultivate a just workplace when she helped unionized her workplace in 2018. Seeing the value in labor and employment organizing from her personal experience and then later from working at AFSCME as a Peggy Browning Fellow in 2023, Aiko wants to become an attorney to continue organizing against oppressive systems that impact all workers.



## **MARLY MARQUEZ, JD 2025**

*She/Him/They*  
University of Michigan Law  
School, MI | Global Labor Justice-  
International Labor Rights Forum  
(GLJ-ILRF), DC

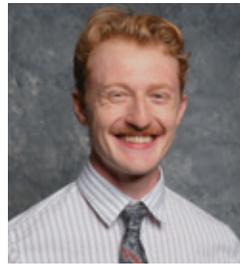
Marlisa "Marly" Marquez is a first-year law student at the University of Michigan Law School. Marly came to law school to become an effective advocate for low-income workers. Growing up in a family of migrant farmworkers—and having worked in the industry herself—Marly learned first-hand how often labor workers are taken advantage of by corporations. As a child, her family made annual trips from South Texas to Washington State to work in blueberry and raspberry fields. After graduating high school, Marly participated in the work directly, and her life was shaped by the long hours and cramped living spaces provided to migrant workers. Because of her background, Marly is deeply passionate about helping those in the same situation as her family and hopes to amplify the voices of low-income workers through a career in labor law.



**TREVOR MARTINDALE,  
JD 2026**

*He/Him*  
Duke University School of Law, NC  
| Drivers Union WA, Affiliated with  
Teamsters 117, WA

Trevor grew up in Orlando, Florida, before moving to the Tampa Bay area where he studied political science at the University of South Florida. Throughout his time at USF, Trevor worked on various progressive political campaigns, where he witnessed the inspiring power of working people coming together to pursue a better future. After graduating, he worked as a legislative aide in the Florida House of Representatives, an experience that showed him the need for strong working-class advocacy outside of a political system that often leaves workers behind. He entered law school eager to empower workers to fight for a better life. During his first year at Duke Law, Trevor co-founded the Duke Labor and Workers' Rights Alliance and was involved in the Duke Law National Lawyers Guild. He also did pro bono work for Duke Law's Clemency Project, which prepares clemency petitions on behalf of incarcerated people seeking sentence commutations.



**JEFFERSON MCCAIN,  
JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
University of Wisconsin Law School,  
WI | National Treasury Employees  
Union (NTEU), D.C. Field Office, DC

Jefferson is from Maryland and hopes to pursue a career in worker-side labor law in order to advocate for better rights, conditions, and protections for working-class people. Since he was 15 years old, Jefferson has continuously held at least one job; he has worked mowing lawns, waiting tables, roofing, and unloading trucks. Seeing the conditions that millions of people are forced to spend the majority of their days in lit a fire in Jefferson and inspired him to attend law school to fight on their behalf. With a degree in history, Jefferson believes that one of the best ways to develop a strong labor movement for the future is to look to the labor movement's past. He is excited to be working as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer at the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), D.C. Field Office, and hopes to contribute in some way to the betterment of working people.



**JUSTIN MCCULLOCH,  
JD 2026**

*He/Him*  
University of Pennsylvania  
Carey Law School, PA | United  
Steelworkers (USW), PA

As the grandson of a Polish steelworker and member of the Solidarity movement, Justin was raised on the stories of the labor movement. After completing his undergraduate studies in labor history at George Washington University, Justin worked as a paralegal for Bredhoff & Kaiser in Washington, D.C., assisting the General Counsel of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU) in bargaining the NPMHU's 2023 National Agreement and facilitating the 2022 National Convention. During his time at Bredhoff & Kaiser, Justin also served as shop steward for the OPEIU Local 2 shop that included Bredhoff's paralegals and legal assistants. Justin speaks fluent Polish and continues his collection and passion for American political memorabilia, as well as maintaining his membership in the American Political Items Collectors. Imbued by the experiences of his Jamaican-Polish immigrant family, Justin hopes to work at the crossroads of workplace justice and racial equality.



**MAXWELL MCPHERSON,  
JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
University of Washington School of  
Law, WA | Teamsters Local 117, WA

Born in California and raised across the West Coast, Maxwell learned the need for organized labor at a young age through his parents, both SEIU nurses. Before law school, he attended the California State University Maritime Academy and the University of Idaho. An essential worker in 2020, Maxwell witnessed the exploitative and dangerous conditions that workers are regularly subjected to. These experiences inspired him to pursue a career advancing economic justice and empowering the working class, enrolling in law school to practice labor and employment law and advance the proletarian cause. He is a board member of Students for Labor and Employment Justice and a member of UW's National Lawyers Guild. During his 1L summer, Maxwell served as a volunteer intern with the U.S. Department of Labor - Employee Benefit Security Administration, helping workers navigate obstacles placed between them and their health/pension entitlements. Maxwell is excited for the opportunity to advance workplace justice this summer and in his upcoming career.



## **KATHLEEN MCPOLIN, JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
Temple University James E. Beasley  
School of Law, PA | Markowitz &  
Richman, PA

Kathleen is a Jersey girl from a proud union family; her mother is a New York City public school teacher and UFT member, and her grandfather was a 40-year member of Steamfitters' Local 638. As a University of Chicago undergraduate, Kathleen helped found the Student Library Employee Union (part of Teamsters Local 743), shepherding it from an initial card campaign to a victorious NLRB election. SLEU became the first undergraduate union at a private university recognized by the NLRB. She later interned at the NLRB office in Newark, NJ, crystallizing her commitment to labor law. After graduating, Kathleen became the sole paralegal at a boutique litigation firm in Manhattan, where she focused on federal criminal defense, including preparing urgent compassionate-release motions for incarcerated clients during the COVID-19 pandemic. At Temple Law, Kathleen interned for then-Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Dan McCaffery; the Philadelphia office of the Solicitor of Labor; and Temple's Social Justice Lawyering Clinic. She is eager to grow as an empathetic and effective advocate for working people.



## **HANNAH MIDDLETON, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
University of Nebraska College  
of Law, NE | American Federation  
of State, County and Municipal  
Employees (AFSCME), DC

Hannah is a first-year student at Nebraska Law, where she is pursuing a concentration in Labor and Employment Litigation. After spending a year with the Nebraska State Employees Union, Hannah decided to pursue her J.D. to further advance worker's rights. During her time at the State Employees' Union, she gained meaningful insight into the issues that impact workers daily and found her passion in resolving these issues and making strides to prevent them. This summer, she will be working as a Peggy Browning Fellow at AFSCME, where she will be advocating for policy change that affects workers across the nation.



## **ROSE MENDELSON, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Northeastern University School of  
Law, MA | Justice at Work (Boston),  
MA

Rose first came to the labor movement when workers on her undergraduate campus began organizing for better pay and working conditions. After graduation, she moved to Oakland, CA and spent nine years supporting the unionization, community building, and political organizing efforts of family child care workers, California State University students, Bay Area racial and economic justice organizations, and movement electoral groups. She is excited to be back in school in her home state and to spend the summer contributing to and learning from the crucial legal and organizing strategies of worker centers across Massachusetts. She is also excited to keep figuring out how to use her law degree to support organizing and build people power.



## **MELANIE MIGNUCCI, JD 2025**

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

Originally from Connecticut, Melanie is a committed advocate for workers' rights. Before law school, she worked as an editor at a digital media company, where she led her colleagues in an organizing drive and helped bargain their unit's first contract. This transformative experience inspired her to apply to law school to use her writing, organizing, and advocacy skills in service of working people. At Columbia, Melanie serves on the Journal of Law & Social Problems and as a steward for Student Workers of Columbia - UAW Local 2710. She spent her 1L summer at Make the Road NY's Workplace Justice Project, helping immigrant workers build power in their communities. This summer, she's excited to contribute to the labor movement as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Cohen, Weiss and Simon in New York City. She holds a bachelor's degree in Written Arts and Spanish Studies from Bard College.



**KEVIN MUSSMAN,  
JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
Georgetown University Law Center,  
DC | Mooney, Green, Saindon,  
Murphy & Welch, P.C., DC

Born and raised in Nebraska, Kevin spent ten years in Chicago working as a bartender before attending law school. Frustrated by labor practices in the restaurant industry and inspired by friends in the organizing community, Kevin applied to law school with the express intent of becoming a union-side labor lawyer. On campus, Kevin is an Articles Editor for the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy and a member of the Labor and Employment Law Society. He interned last summer at the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) and then spent this past fall externing with the National Labor Relations Board in the Contempt, Compliance, and Special Litigation Branch. Kevin is thrilled to continue fighting for workplace justice this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow with Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy & Welch PC.



**MARISSA ALAYNA  
NAVARRO, JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
Michigan State University College  
of Law, MI | National Institute for  
Workers' Rights (NELA), CA

Marissa Alayna Navarro (she/her) is a first-generation college student from Grand Rapids, Michigan. She graduated with Honors from the University of Alabama, where she studied International Studies and Spanish. Currently, Marissa is a second-year Dean's fellow at Michigan State University College of Law. Before attending law school, she worked as a Research Assistant on the higher education team at the Center for American Progress (CAP), where she focused on accreditation and minority-serving institutions. In addition to her work at CAP, she served as President of CAP's union (NPEU, IFPTE Local 70), leading negotiations for their successor contract. Marissa currently serves as a Commissioner on the Michigan Supreme Court's Commission on Well-Being in the Law. She is also active with the Black Law Students Association, International Law Review, Latino Law Society, Blackburn Institute, and Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. She is excited about the opportunity to continue advocating for worker's rights!



**GRACIELA NIRA, JD 2026**

*She/Her, They/Them*  
Chicago-Kent College of Law, IL |  
Service Employees International  
Union (SEIU), DC

Graciela (she/they) grew up in San Antonio, Texas, before studying political theory at Macalester College in Minnesota. While in school, she began working part-time as a Starbucks barista. Five years later, in February 2022, Gracie and their coworkers filed for a union election, becoming the first store in Minnesota to join Starbucks Workers United (SBWU). Since then, she has served as a strike captain, helped draft healthcare and retirement proposals as part of SBWU's National Bargaining Committee, and met with Senator Tina Smith, Labor Secretary Julie Su, and President Biden to discuss workers' concerns. Graciela is pursuing a Labor & Employment Law certificate at Chicago-Kent College of Law and also works as a part-time staff organizer at Workers United on the Starbucks campaign. Gracie is an active member of the National Lawyers Guild and student representative in the Labor & Employment Law Society on campus.



**HEESEUNG NOH, JD 2026**

*He/Him*  
Cornell Law School, NY | Service  
Employees International Union  
(SEIU), DC

Born and raised in Seoul, South Korea, Heeseung is a first-year student at Cornell Law School. During his studies in Korea, Heeseung's experience was punctuated by large-scale labor mobilization against neoliberal "labor reform" in Korea. During his graduate studies in colonial history at Columbia University, his interest in labor law was further developed by the 2017 unionization drive of Columbia's graduate students. This experience led to Heeseung's concentration on the transformative role working class power can have in protecting and achieving material gains. Having sought a more direct role in the advocacy and representation aspects of labor law, Heeseung now attends Cornell Law School. At Cornell, he is currently an active member in the school's chapters of the National Lawyers Guild and Public Interest Law Union. Heeseung is excited to join the SEIU as a Peggy Browning Fellow and looks forward to engaging with movement lawyering and building worker power this summer.



## ANITA NYBERG, JD 2025

*She/Her*  
Villanova University Charles Widger  
School of Law, PA | Pyle Rome  
Ehrenberg PC, MA

Growing up hearing about the labor exploitation and discrimination faced by her immigrant grandparents, who worked as farmworkers and miners, Anita became inspired to fight for justice and equity in the workplace. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Rhode Island, where she authored a research project about the gender wage gap and received several awards for excellence in the study of politics and government. A first-generation law student, Anita has completed internships with a union-side labor law firm and a plaintiff-side employment and civil rights law firm. She currently serves on the executive boards of the Latin American Law Students Association, the Labor and Employment Law Society, and If/When/How, Villanova Law's reproductive justice advocacy group. Anita is committed to a career representing working people and defending the rights of marginalized communities and is excited to further her passion for workers' rights at Pyle Rome this summer.



## TEMI OLUSA, JD 2025

*He/Him*  
Penn State Law, PA | Teamsters  
Local 117, WA

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Temi's interest in labor law spiked following the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite his parents being unionized nurses and deemed "essential," they still suffered abuse from their employers, highlighting how much worse it was for workers who lacked the collective bargaining power of a union. Through this experience, Temi realized that—while workers spend a significant amount of life working, away from families and other passions in life—that significant amount of time away shouldn't be full of suffering. All workers deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. After graduating from Penn State with a double major in Political Science and Communication Arts & Sciences, Temi pursued his legal degree. Now a second-year law student, Temi helped found Penn State's Labor and Employment Law Society, serves as President of the school's American Constitution Society, and is Secretary for his school's Student Bar Association. He is grateful to be chosen as a Peggy Browning Fellow and ecstatic to work with Teamsters Local 117 this upcoming summer.



## ERICA OOSTERHOUT, JD 2026

*She/Her*  
University of Pennsylvania Carey  
Law School, PA | Murphy Anderson  
PLLC, DC

As the daughter of a public school teacher and union steward, Erica was taught about the dignity of labor and the importance of solidarity from a young age. Her passion for economic justice grew while studying economics at Harvard University, where she began to understand the deep connection between economic inequality and other forms of social injustice, including racial discrimination and health and housing disparities. After college, Erica competed on the professional tennis circuit, where she sought to serve as an inspiration to younger players—especially younger Black women, like her. These experiences motivated Erica to go to law school, where she hopes to continue to uplift the next generation. As a lawyer, Erica aims to improve the lives of underrepresented individuals and communities and create a more just and equal society for everyone. Her pursuit of these goals has driven her toward the labor movement.



## MARIA ORTIZ PINEDA, JD 2025

*She/Her*  
American University  
Washington College of Law, DC  
| Communications Workers of  
America (CWA), DC

Raised in Northern Virginia, Maria is a graduate of George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College, holding a degree in Government and International Politics. Throughout her undergraduate career, she engaged in issues she cared deeply about, advocating on behalf of immigrant rights, reproductive justice, and higher education accessibility for immigrant youth. Prior to law school, Maria worked at the National Women's Law Center, working on economic justice issues and spearheading a storytelling campaign to counter harmful poverty narratives. Returning as a Peggy Browning Fellow, she spent her 1L summer as a Fellow at Peer, Gan & Gisler, a law firm specializing in labor and employment disputes. Maria is excited to spend this summer as a PBF Fellow with the Communication Workers of America.



## TRISTIN OTT, JD 2025

*He/Him*  
 University of Wisconsin Law School,  
 WI | National Treasury Employees  
 Union (NTEU), Office of the General  
 Counsel, DC

Tristin grew up in a union family in rural Minnesota. From a young age, his imagination was captured by the dramatic and passionate discussions about injustice and inequality that his parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles held. This background motivated him to study the history of the labor movement in undergrad, culminating in senior thesis research on Milwaukee unions' struggle against deindustrialization in the 1980s and 1990s. This archival and oral interview research revealed the cruel and calculated strategy of the city's corporate elite, who aimed to crush the power of organized labor to increase profits. Now at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Tristin hopes to learn more about how to effectively fight back against this kind of economic injustice. A second-year PBF Fellow, he is excited to return this summer to the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) in Washington, D.C. and continue working on behalf of federal employees.



## JEHONG (JOSEPH) PARK, JD 2025

*He/Him*  
 University of Illinois College of Law,  
 IL | Strategic Organizing Center  
 (SOC), DC

Joseph's professional background in filmmaking exposed him first-hand to the post-pandemic labor movement in the entertainment industry and shaped his interest in workers' rights and labor law. Born in South Korea, Joseph grew up in New Jersey, Seoul, and San Diego. After attending film school at NYU, Joseph worked as a special education classroom assistant and a film producer, producing narrative shorts and documentaries, one of which was featured live on ABC in 2023. As a rising third-year at the University of Illinois College of Law, he developed his interests in labor and employment law by working as a research assistant to Professor Matthew W. Finkin and as an intern for the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of the Solicitor. He is also involved in the Journal of Law, Technology & Policy and the National Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. Joseph is excited to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and looks forward to contributing to the labor movement at the Strategic Organizing Center.



## TED PARKER, JD 2026

*He/Him*  
 George Washington University Law  
 School, DC | Drivers Union WA,  
 Affiliated with Teamsters 117, WA

Ted's entry into the labor movement came from an unlikely source: getting a PhD in Classics. Shortly after arriving in Toronto to begin his graduate studies, Ted voted with his teaching union, CUPE 3902, to go on strike. Picketing through his first Canadian winter with thousands of fellow teachers was an inspiring and transformative experience for him. After graduating, Ted moved to Washington, D.C., where he quickly found himself precariously employed at three different institutions all at once, crisscrossing the city each day to get to the next classroom. Having lived the difference between working a dignified, unionized job and unprotected, precarious ones, Ted decided to go to law school to fight for the former. He is excited to work as a Peggy Browning Fellow with the Drivers Union this summer to help ensure the dignity and security of ride-share workers.



## ALEJANDRA PATLÁN, JD 2025

*She/Her, They/Them*  
 City University of New York School  
 of Law, NY | Hotel & Gaming Trades  
 Council, AFL-CIO, NY

Born and raised in Huntington Park, Los Angeles, Alejandra grew up in a working-class migrant community. She went into direct legal services work after witnessing and experiencing the openly exploitative treatment of her community by employers, gentrifiers, and the government. Although she enjoyed the work, she was dissatisfied by its failure to address the direct causes of harm and suffering for marginalized communities. They then chose to enroll at CUNY Law, hoping to find a way to support and honor the immigrant community that raised her. In law school, she found a community that pushed her to alchemize these feelings of frustration into the realization that the only future based in justice is one created and shaped by the working class. Alejandra continues to develop the necessary skills and knowledge that will contribute to creating a world where the working-class migrant community is empowered and liberated.



## TYLER PEARCE, JD 2025

*He/Him*

University of Virginia School of Law, VA | Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy & Welch, P.C., DC

The son of proud union members, Tyler was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. Growing up in a union household, he experienced firsthand the benefits that collective bargaining brought to his family. This—combined with the underlying principle of workplace democracy—fueled Tyler’s passion for workplace rights. He obtained a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University, where he was involved in labor-based activism and research. Before law school, Tyler worked in strategic research departments for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and AFSCME. At UVA Law, Tyler is involved with the Virginia Employment & Labor Law Association, the Workplace Rights Clinic, the Journal of Social Policy & the Law, and is a Research Assistant covering employment law topics. He is also a proud member of the United Campus Workers of Virginia-CWA. This is Tyler’s second summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow; he was a PBF Fellow at SEIU last summer and is excited to join Mooney Green this summer!



## IVA PETROVA, JD 2026

*She/Her*

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

As an immigrant from Macedonia, Iva is deeply passionate about advocating for underprivileged members of society. She became interested in labor issues as a Legislative Aide in the Wisconsin State Assembly, where she helped craft legislation to promote union participation and workers’ rights. She then volunteered at a workers’ rights organization, where she educated workers on the impact of collective worker power and helped multiple workplaces organize. This exposed her to the structural inequality low-income, immigrant workers face and solidified her interest in using the law to advocate for workers’ rights. At the University of Wisconsin Law School, she serves on the executive board of the Labor and Employment Student Association and as a student advocate for the Unemployment Appeals Clinic. She hopes to use her law degree to bolster immigrant participation in organized labor and illustrate the impact comprehensive immigration reform can have on the ongoing labor movement.

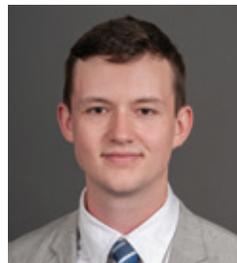


## GEORGE PORTER, JD 2026

*He/Him*

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, PA | Sheet Metal Workers’ Local 19, PA

George hopes to help create a more economically egalitarian society through the law. He grew up in central Pennsylvania and Baltimore and later studied political science at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 2019. A summer job at the Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore, organized under UNITE HERE Local 7, sparked his interest in the labor movement. From 2019 to 2023, George worked as a paralegal at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Antitrust Division in Washington, D.C, where he was assigned to merger and civil conduct investigations in the health care, insurance, and consumer products industries. He also represented his DOJ coworkers in grievance and disciplinary proceedings as a shop steward in AFSCME Local 3719. At Penn Carey Law, he participates in the Employment Advocacy Project pro bono program and is an associate editor for The Regulatory Review.



## JUSTIN REMPE, JD 2025

*He/Him*

University of Iowa College of Law, IA | United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), VA

Justin grew up in a union family in rural southern Iowa. As a child, Justin witnessed his widowed mother struggle to make ends meet while working two minimum-wage jobs. This experience was critical in forming his sense of class consciousness. Justin’s passion for fighting injustice and inequality was further focused while serving as an AmeriCorps justice advocate with Iowa Legal Aid’s Hotline for Older Iowans. On campus, Justin continues to volunteer my time with the Iowa Supreme Court’s Access-to-Justice Commission. During his 1L summer, he was honored to work and contribute to the Iowa Civil Rights Commission as a legal intern. Justin is excited to join the United Mine Workers of America this summer and looks forward to deepening his knowledge of how to leverage the law to fight for worker justice.



**ROBB RIDGLEY, JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
Cornell Law School, NY | Bush  
Gottlieb, CA

Robb grew up in a union household in Sacramento, California. He graduated with Highest Honors from the University of California, Davis, where he majored in history with a research focus on the labor movement in France and the United States. Motivated by his passion for workers’ rights and workplace justice, he decided to pursue a legal career to develop the skills necessary to make an active difference in the labor movement, attending Cornell Law School. Currently a second-year law student, Robb has interned at the National Labor Relations Board’s San Francisco field office and spent multiple semesters representing unions and workers through the Cornell Labor Law Clinic. Robb is thrilled to continue his labor law journey as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Bush Gottlieb in the Los Angeles area.



**ESTHER RITCHIN,  
JD 2025**

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

Esther studied English Language and Literature as an undergraduate student at Yale University, where she also worked with—and on behalf of—young adults experiencing homelessness. Before law school, she spent two years as a paralegal at an environmental nonprofit, supporting clean air and water litigation. A second-year student, Esther spent her 1L summer working at the Disability Law Center, advocating for people with disabilities in Massachusetts. At Harvard, she is involved in leadership of the school chapters of Lambda (the LGBTQ+ affinity group) and the Labor and Employment Action Project (LEAP), and is a part of HLS’s Law and Social Change Program of Study, which seeks to empower students committed to using legal advocacy to advance social progress. She is grateful to be a fellow of the Peggy Browning Fund and thrilled to continue her advocacy efforts at SEIU this summer.



**SARAH SAFI, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
Columbia Law School, NY | National  
Employment Law Project (NELP),  
NYC, 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 programming aimed at supporting working people across the state. These experiences crystallized her interest in public service, employment law, and—more broadly—pursuing transformative socioeconomic change by building worker power.



**SHANNON SAUL, JD 2025**

*She/Her, They/Them*  
University of California, Los Angeles  
School of Law, CA | Rothner, Segall  
& Greenstone, CA

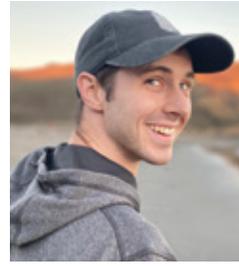
Shannon Saul (they/she) brings their passion for intersectional community organizing and policy research background to their PBF Summer Fellowship placement. Hailing from Denver, Colorado, Shannon is a UCLA Law student eager to apply her organizing background to fight for worker’s rights. Shannon spent her 1L summer at the Collective for Liberatory Lawyering combining legal skills and community organizing to seek an end to the school-to-prison pipeline, and has spent their 2L year working as a law clerk at Equal Rights Advocates to protect students and workers from gender discrimination. Shannon previously worked as a community organizer fighting for LGBTQ+ rights and in policy research. During her undergraduate career, she co-founded a nonprofit to amplify the stories of survivors of gender-based violence. Shannon hopes to chart a legal career where they can continue to harness their legal skills to build systems that work for all, not just those in power.



## ATEŞ SERIFSOY, JD 2025

*She/Her, They/Them*  
Seattle University School of Law,  
WA | American Federation of  
Labor and Congress of Industrial  
Organizations (AFL-CIO), DC

Growing up in Florida, a state where workers are heavily disenfranchised, Ateş saw firsthand how institutional injustice limits the welfare and potential of entire communities. Through their experiences, Ateş learned the immeasurable value of collective power and developed a lifelong commitment to protecting the rights of working people. Before pursuing law school, Ateş was fortunate enough to have worked for labor unions in various capacities. Now a rising 2L, Ateş has clerked for a local labor law firm, participated in her school's Workers' Rights Clinic, and spent her 1L summer as a PBF Fellow at Teamsters 117, fighting for workers' rights. Ateş is thrilled to be a returning PBF Fellow, this time at the AFL-CIO. There, she hopes to expand her horizons further and learn how those in the movement can strategically act as a united coalition and use policy tools to ensure workplace justice is a reality across the county and beyond.



## JAMES SNELL, JD 2025

*He/Him*  
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Consulting & Law Group & UFCW  
3000, WA

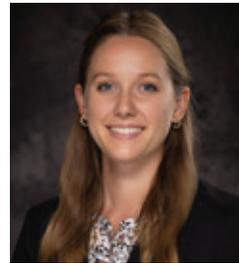
James Snell was born and raised in Federal Way, Washington. His academic experiences as an undergraduate student studying Political Science and American Ethnic Studies at the University of Washington equipped him with a critical lens to understand systemic oppression and motivated him to become more involved in local social justice and worker's rights movements. Before law school, James worked as a harvester at City Fruit, a Seattle-based organization that provides fresh produce to local food banks and meal programs. James currently works as the Volunteer Engagement Manager at Lifelong, a nonprofit based in Seattle dedicated to removing barriers to health for those facing illness and injustice. These experiences bolstered James' commitment to fostering positive social change and prompted him to pursue his legal degree at the University of Washington School of Law.



## MICHAEL SOSNICK, JD 2025

*He/Him*  
Columbia Law School, NY | New York  
State United Teachers (NYSUT),  
Latham, NY

Michael came to law school to fight for organized labor, workers' rights, and economic justice. During his 1L summer, Michael interned in the Housing Unit of Municipal Employee Legal Services, the legal services benefit of District Council 37. Now a second-year student, Michael has worked as an intern at the Labor Bureau of the New York Office of the Attorney General. In addition to his summer and intern experience, Michael remains active in campus organizing; he holds leadership roles in Columbia's Law and Political Economy Society and National Lawyers Guild student chapters. Before pursuing a legal education, Michael lived in Japan, where he held various jobs, including working as an editor at a tourism-focused creative agency, a public school English teacher, and a ramen tour guide. Michael holds a bachelor of arts in linguistics from Cornell University.



## MADALYN SULLIVAN, JD 2025

*She/Her*  
William & Mary Law School, VA  
| United Food and Commercial  
Workers (UFCW), DC

Born into an Air Force family and raised in Germany, Russia, the Czech Republic, and the United States, Madalyn is passionate about using her law degree to serve others. Madalyn obtained a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Peace & Justice at Villanova University, earning the Lawrence J. McGarry Award for Excellence with a Commitment to Social Justice and the Thomas J. Mentzer Award for expanding opportunities for the poor and marginalized. Prior to law school, Madalyn served as an AmeriCorps teacher on the Pine Ridge Reservation, teaching middle school English Language Arts, leading after-school clubs, and driving a school bus. At William & Mary Law School, Madalyn is the Co-Chair of the Public Service Fund, an organization which fundraises to provide stipends for unpaid law student interns working in public service. Last summer, she worked at the Federal Public Defender in Norfolk, Virginia. Madalyn is thrilled to continue her legal career as a Peggy Browning Fellow at UFCW.



**RACHEL SWANTESON-FRANZ, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
 University of New Mexico School of Law, NM | New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty, NM

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, every educational and professional choice Rachel makes is informed by her love for New Mexico and her community. While her work to date has largely focused on the environmental movement, Rachel has always believed that labor justice is paramount to a thriving future. After completing her undergraduate studies, Rachel coordinated tree plantings in an environmental injustice neighborhood and worked to increase equitable access to the outdoors. She also worked to support community organizing to make Albuquerque’s buses permanently free. Through all these experiences, Rachel integrated labor justice into her work, building solidarity with her co-workers to advocate for better pay. She went to law school to continue supporting New Mexico and to work at the intersections of environmental and labor justice. Rachel is thrilled to be working this summer as a PBF Fellow supporting the labor movement in New Mexico.



**DANIEL SWEET, JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
 Southern University Law Center, LA | Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA), NY

Daniel was born and raised in Flowood, Mississippi, where he developed a passion for sports. Daniel played collegiate baseball at Dallas Baptist University, where he graduated with honors as a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society and was selected for Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. From there, Daniel was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds and played for this organization for four years. As his baseball career ended, Daniel wanted to stay in the game but in a different way, and Southern University Law Center was the place where he could learn how to do that. After learning more about contract and business law, interning with the D.A. of Hinds County, Mississippi, and clerking with the MLB Players Association, Daniel has become increasingly invested in pursuing a career in sports law. He is excited to take another step toward his goal by joining the Peggy Browning Fund.



**DANIEL SYMONDS, JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
 Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, PA | International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), MD

Before committing to labor law, Dan Symonds spent a decade as a Philadelphia public school teacher and union organizer. Early in his teaching career, Dan co-founded the Working Educators Caucus within his 13,000-member union. Since 2014, the Caucus has organized across 213 schools to make the union local more powerful and member-driven. As part of this work, Dan has supported organizers in Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, and Baltimore to help them win union leadership elections. Dan serves as the student liaison of the Philadelphia National Lawyers Guild. Last summer, he worked as a deportation defense fellow with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center in Albuquerque. He is currently interning with Justice at Work. He lives in South Philadelphia and is a member of the Philadelphia Democratic First Ward, which continues to increase voter turnout and elect movement-minded leaders to office in the city and state.



**ANUSHREE THEKKEDATH, JD 2026**

*She/Her, They/Them*  
 New York University School of Law, NY | Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS), MA

Anushree is a recent Californian expat newly committed to New York City. They graduated from Stanford University with a public policy degree and a creative writing minor. Anushree’s time as an undergraduate student confirmed to her the limits of institutional authority while simultaneously instilling a reverence for bottom-up organizing. Before pursuing law school, they worked as a JusticeCorps Fellow at the Santa Clara Family Law Office in California. Through this experience, Anushree saw first-hand the importance and impact that economic justice has on the health of interpersonal relationships. A first-year student at NYU Law, she is involved with the Unemployment Action Center, assisting individuals with their unemployment benefits appeals. In her perpetual quest to cultivate a thriving community, Anushree has come to understand that worker organizing is critical to grow the trust we all have in each other.



## RILEY TIGUE, JD 2026

*They/Them*  
University of Michigan Law School,  
MI | McKnight, Canzano, Smith,  
Radtke & Brault, P.C., MI

Riley Tigie is the eldest child of a proud union family from the Metro-Detroit area and they are thrilled to serve unions within their community this summer. Riley graduated from the Ford School of Public Policy in 2022 and taught civics in Washington D.C., before starting law school at the University of Michigan. Their emphasis on labor rights began in their undergraduate studies, where they researched the ties between immigration, unfair labor practices, and free trade agreements in the United States and Central America. Riley is excited to be working to support the unions that have made a difference in their life as a Peggy Browning Fellow with McKnight, Canzano, Smith, Radtke & Brault. As their father battled cancer during their childhood, his union was instrumental in ensuring that he was afforded his benefits and pay. Riley believes that union representation and workers' rights are essential for preventing exploitation and enabling people to fully exercise their social and political rights.



## AARON TURNER, JD 2025

*He/Him*  
Georgetown University Law Center,  
DC | International Association  
of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and  
Transportation Workers (SMART),  
DC

Aaron Turner was born and raised in Texas, where labor and union were practically four-letter words. While earning his undergraduate degree at the University of Oklahoma, he had the chance to see firsthand with the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System how poverty, injustice, and inequality rip lives apart. Aaron came to law school with a determination to make a positive change in the lives of others. While in his 1L year, he learned about the history of the labor movement and the work unions have done to make social change. After law school, he hopes to work in organized labor to raise living standards for all Americans. Aaron is honored by the opportunity to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and is excited to work on behalf of the skilled workers who make this country run.



## BRENDA VALLADARES-BELLEZA, JD 2025

*She/Her*  
City University of New York School  
of Law, NY | Hayes Dolce, NY

Brenda Valladares-Belleza '25 is a Peggy Browning Fellow at Hayes Dolce. Brenda was first introduced to the immigrant and worker's rights movements during the 2006 "Un Dia Sin Inmigrantes" marches and strikes. After spending over a decade organizing immigrant workers in national, state, and local campaigns, she came to law school to focus on the intersection of labor and immigration law. Last summer, she was a Peggy Browning Fellow at the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON), where she supported worker centers and unions implementing the Deferred Action for Labor Enforcement (DALE) program with workers across different industries and states. Brenda hopes to become a labor attorney and support immigrant workers in increasing their power and presence in the labor movement. This summer she is excited to help workers and unions as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Hayes Dolce.



## JACQUELINE VANACORE, JD 2025

*She/Her*  
American University Washington  
College of Law, DC | American  
Federation of Teachers (AFT), DC

Jacqueline (Jackie) is a second-year evening law student at American University, Washington College of Law, and serves on the Executive Board of WCL's Labor and Employment Law Society. Before attending law school, Jackie was the political coordinator for the Capital District Area Labor Federation in Albany, New York, where she completed the AFL-CIO's Leadership Institute. Jackie was also an organizer and labor representative for the New York State Nurses Association, where she organized hundreds of nurses and supported members during various contract and organizing campaigns. While working as an organizer, Jackie earned a master's degree in labor studies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. During the start of law school, Jackie worked in the AFL-CIO's Political, Field & Mobilization Department and served as an OPEIU #2 bargaining committee member. Jackie looks forward to continuing to develop her legal and organizing skills to support members of the American Federation of Teachers.



**MARISSA VARNADO,  
JD 2026**

*she/they*  
University of Virginia School of Law, VA | New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), NYC, NY

Marissa is a first-year law student at the University of Virginia pursuing public interest law as a Law and Public Service Fellow. Before attending law school, Marissa was a high school English Language Learner teacher in Nashville, Tennessee through Teach for America. She later worked in homelessness services with Homeward, a planning and coordinating organization addressing homelessness in Richmond, Virginia. Marissa’s passion for justice and equity, and utilizing or challenging the tools by which social justice is achieved or undermined, eventually led her to pursue law school. In law school, Marissa has focused on labor and employment law and how the complex issues that arise in workplace justice are necessarily intersectional. Marissa is honored to begin her legal career as a Peggy Browning Fellow and is—as a former educator—especially honored to be working with New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) this summer.



**ERIKA VASEK, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
University of Wisconsin Law School, WI | The Previant Law Firm, S.C., WI

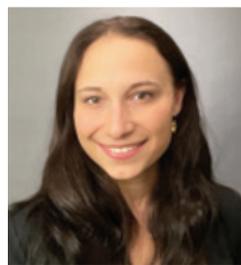
Originally from Omaha, Nebraska, Erika is currently a first-year law student at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Erika earned her bachelor’s degree in Political Science at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. While in college, she developed a passion for unions and workers’ rights during her internship at the Nebraska Association of Public Employees/ AFSCME Local 61, which represents Nebraska government employees. After graduating, Erika continued working for Local 61 as a Field Representative, where she handled employee discipline and grievances and traveled extensively organizing Nebraska state employees. Throughout her time at Local 61, Erika further developed her passion for advocating for workers’ issues and empowering workers by educating them on their rights. She looks forward to furthering her experience with unions and labor law as a Peggy Browning Fellow at The Previant Law Firm this summer.



**JONATHAN VEENSTRA,  
JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
American University Washington College of Law, DC | International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), DC

Born and raised in New Jersey, Jon graduated from Seton Hall University in 2020, where he worked as a resident assistant and as a manager for the school’s nationally-ranked men’s basketball team. Upon graduation, Jon began working at Trader Joe’s to supplement his work as a basketball scout and quickly became involved with worker organizing efforts. Attempting to organize at a time when workers nationwide were raising their voices about workplace injustice as well as broader social concerns made Jon realize that his passion for sports stemmed from a passion for laborers. Following the advice of his undergraduate advisor, a former executive director of the NBA players’ union, Jon decided to attend law school with a focus on supporting the labor movement. After working in the NLRB Office of Representation Appeals last summer, Jon is excited to more directly support workers in the Teamsters’ General Counsel office this summer.



**RACHEL VOGEL, JD 2025**

*She/Her*  
Yale Law School, MA | Levy Ratner, NY

Prior to law school, Rachel completed a PhD in linguistics, where she focused on engagement with Indigenous community-led language rights and language revitalization programs in North America, Indonesia, and Nepal. Over time, she realized how inextricable language rights are from economic justice and the importance of organized labor for any meaningful social change. Her goals eventually shifted to building worker power in the labor movement. In law school, Rachel is on the board of her school’s National Lawyers Guild chapter, the Law and Political Economy student group, and the 2024 Rebellious Lawyering Conference. She also trains legal observers in Connecticut. In her 1L summer, Rachel interned in the employment law unit at Greater Boston Legal Services. She is honored to be a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer, and to continue learning how to most effectively advocate for workers’ rights and the labor movement at Levy Ratner.



## CALEB WAUGH, JD 2026

*He/Him, They/Them*

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

Raised in Pittsburgh, PA, from a long-line of union members, Caleb's passion for protecting workers' rights developed right in his hometown and family, who instilled in him a deep appreciation of the power of collective action. These early experiences led Caleb to, while an undergraduate student at Indiana University, work with CWA locals, conducting organizing drives throughout Indiana and assisting IU's graduate student workers' unionizing efforts. In law school, Caleb has continued to fight for workers' rights, helping organize contingent faculty at the University of Minnesota and working with the Trader Joe's United bargaining team with first-contract negotiations. Caleb is also the Communications Director for UMN Law's Student Employment and Labor Law Association and a member of the East Side Freedom Library Labor Advisory Committee, which provides programming for local immigrant workers in the Twin Cities. Caleb is thrilled to spend his summer with the Steelworkers and support the progress of trailblazing organizers for future generations of workers.



## ELYSE WEISSBERGER, JD 2025

*She/Her*

Harvard Law School, MA | United  
Auto Workers (UAW), MI

Born and raised in California, Elyse developed a passion for environmental justice and labor rights in the food system through her various work and educational experiences. Between high school and college, she worked on a dairy farm and as a barista/bartender in three different countries. Elyse graduated from UC Berkeley with degrees in Business, Environmental Economics & Policy, and Food Systems. Prior to law school, she worked as a sustainable supply chains analyst. The inequities she witnessed and experienced in the agriculture and service industries led her to pursue a law degree. At Harvard Law, Elyse writes for OnLabor and serves as a Contract Enforcement and Engagement Committee Chair for the Harvard Graduate Students Union. She spent her 1L summer at Jubelirer, Pass & Intrieri, a Pittsburgh labor and employment law firm. Elyse is honored to be a Peggy Browning Fellow and is excited to contribute to the UAW's efforts to drive changes in the labor movement.



## HALEY WEN, JD 2025

*She/Her*

City University of New York School  
of Law, NY | New York State Nurses  
Association (NYSNA), NY

Haley was born and raised in Columbia, Missouri before moving to attend college at New York University. There, she created her own major, examining the connections between the Civil War and Reconstruction with current political structures in America. After completing her undergraduate studies, Haley worked at The Legal Aid Society as a paralegal case handler in the disability advocacy practice. Her experiences as part of the union at Legal Aid inspired her to return to school and pursue a career in labor law and workers' rights. As the daughter of a nurse who never had the protection of a union, Haley is particularly excited to join the New York State Nurses Association as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer.



## ZAN WENG, JD 2025

*He/Him*

George Washington University Law  
School, DC | Segal Roitman, LLP, MA

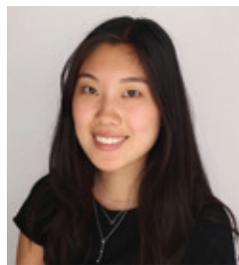
Zan is a first-generation law student and the son of former textile workers. His commitment to worker's rights originated in the loading docks of an Amazon Warehouse, where—conversing with co-workers—he realized the extent of workplace abuse in a variety of industries. After witnessing firsthand the management's comically heavy-handed, but nonetheless successful anti-union campaign, he ventured into the labor movement and applied to law school with the express purpose of pursuing worker-side labor law. He intends to eventually return to Texas to advocate for the workers of his home state. He was previously a Peggy Browning Fellow with the United Food and Commercial Workers and looks forward to working with Segal Roitman LLP this summer.



## **BLAKE YAEGER, JD 2025**

*He/Him*  
 Villanova University Charles Widger  
 School of Law, PA | International  
 Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), DC

As the son of a domestic worker who was disabled on the job and denied fair compensation, Blake knows firsthand how much is at stake when unions fight to establish and enforce workers' rights. His personal experience drove him to pursue public interest work with Amnesty International, the Peace Corps, and a rural legal aid provider. Blake's interest in labor and employment law grew while he worked as a research fellow for Human Trafficking Search. There, he explored how gender discrimination, poverty, migrant status, and a lack of legal protections converge to exacerbate the exploitation of domestic workers. It became clear that the difficult financial and legal situations he encountered in his work were often rooted in an inability to access fair pay in a safe workplace. Committed to helping workers achieve the fair pay and security that his family was denied, Blake is eager to contribute to and learn from the IBT team this summer.



## **SABRINA YOU, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
 Columbia Law School, NY |  
 Major League Baseball Players  
 Association, NY

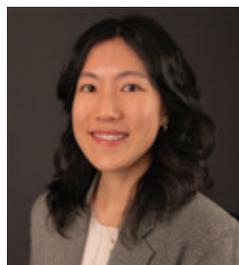
Born and raised in New York as the daughter of Chinese immigrants, Sabrina graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Industrial Labor Relations. At ILR, she was drawn to labor law and its ability to promote workplace justice and workers' rights. Her work at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission helping individuals file claims of discrimination, and at the Government Accountability Project advocating for whistleblower clients who experienced retaliation by their employers, cemented her passion for workers' rights and labor-side advocacy. As a lifelong Yankees fan, she is excited to apply her experience and passion to an organization with a long-standing commitment to player representation and advancement. Sabrina looks forward to contributing to the union's legal efforts and advocating for the rights of such talented athletes within the professional sports industry.



## **HELEN ZHAO, JD 2026**

*She/Her*  
 Yale Law School, MA | LIUNA  
 Mid-Atlantic Regional Organizing  
 Coalition (MAROC), VA

Helen grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, and graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 2016. Before law school, she was a teaching assistant and member of Student Workers of Columbia-UAW Local 2710, where she took collective action with her coworkers and was elected to the bargaining committee to negotiate her union's first contract. Her experience as a student worker and labor activist encouraged her deep passion for workers' rights and economic justice, as well as strengthened her commitment to models of lawyering that democratize political and economic power. As a 1L, she volunteered for UNITE HERE Local 33, served as a legal observer, and joined the boards of her school's National Lawyers Guild and Law and Political Economy student chapters. She is excited to spend her summer as a PBF Fellow at LIUNA MAROC, learning how to use the law to help workers organize for dignity and justice in their workplace.



## **EMILY ZHU, JD 2025**

*She/Her, They/Them*  
 New York University School of Law,  
 NY | Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld,  
 CA

The proud daughter of immigrants, Emily is passionate about the intersections of economic justice, racial justice, and community organizing. Before law school, Emily spent several years in the Boston area, where they supported grassroots tenant and worker organizing with the Chinese Progressive Association. Emily is currently a 2L at NYU Law, where they are a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholar and Herbert Z. Gold Fellow with the Furman Center. During law school, Emily has worked with the Critical Race Lawyering & Civil Rights Clinic and interned with the National Center for Law and Economic Justice (NCLEJ). They spent their 1L summer with the Abolitionist Law Center on movement lawyering projects around health justice and elder care in Pennsylvania prisons. Additionally, Emily serves as the Co-Chair for Ending the Prison Industrial Complex (EPIC), Executive Editor on NYU Law Review, and Community Activism Chair for NYU APALSA. Emily is excited to work with a union-side firm and build their knowledge of labor law this summer.



## RAQUEL ZOHAR, JD 2026

*She/Her*

Brooklyn Law School, NY | Pitta LLP,  
NY

Raquel is a rising second-year law student at Brooklyn Law School. Before law school, she attended Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, where she first encountered the labor movement's ability to balance countervailing powers and create substantive equity. Raquel has conducted and published research centering on high road economic development in Buffalo, NY, and right-to-work and civil rights initiatives in constitution-making spaces in Lusaka, Zambia. At Brooklyn Law, Raquel serves as 1L Delegate of the Jewish Law Students Association, Treasurer of the Labor and Employment Law Association, and a member of the Moot Court Honor Society's Appellate Division. This summer, she is excited to contribute to the labor movement as a Peggy Browning Fellow at Pitta LLP in New York City.

## PBF'S VALUES

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

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

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

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

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

**Dignity** All people inherently deserve to be treated fairly and respectfully.

# 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 118 fellows at over 80 mentor organizations for the summer of 2024. We are excited to grow our program and increase fellowship opportunities in 2025.

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 3L evening 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.



**VIEW OUR 2025 PBF FELLOWSHIP MENTOR GUIDE**

# HOW TO BECOME A PBF MENTOR ORGANIZATION

## MENTOR ORGANIZATIONS

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

## HOW TO APPLY TO BECOME A PBF MENTOR ORGANIZATION

Interested organizations 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 "2025 PBF Mentor Organization Form" covering the Fellowship description, Fellowship stipend (total, weekly, or hourly), Supervisor(s) names and contact information, who applicants should address in their cover letters to, and any applicant prerequisites.

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

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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

## APPLICANT PREREQUISITES

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

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# 2024

## OCTOBER 18 & 19

### **NATIONAL LAW STUDENTS WORKERS' RIGHTS CONFERENCE**

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**LAW STUDENTS, PBF ALUMNI, AND LABOR LEADERS ACROSS UNIONS, LAW FIRMS, AND NONPROFITS: JOIN US FOR TWO DAYS OF LEARNING, COMMUNITY BUILDING, AND ENVISIONING THE FUTURE OF THE WORKERS' RIGHTS MOVEMENT. FOR OUR 26TH NLSWRC, PBF IS THRILLED TO RETURN TO THE MARITIME CONFERENCE CENTER WHERE WE'LL EXPLORE LABOR LAWYERING AND ORGANIZING FOR WORKPLACE JUSTICE.**

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## **LEADER**

American Federation of State, County and Municipal  
Employees (AFSCME)

## **CHAMPION**

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)  
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International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT)  
Joe Lurie  
New York State United Teachers (NYSUT)  
Patrick Szymanski  
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