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UC IRVINE LAW STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS PEGGY BROWNING FELLOWSHIP

Philadelphia, PA, March 13, 2019 - The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded a 10-week summer fellowship to Viridiana Chabolla Mendoza, a second-year student at University of California, Irvine School of Law. Viridiana will spend the fellowship working at Gilbert & Sackman in Los Angeles, CA. The application process is highly competitive, and the award is a tribute to her outstanding qualifications.

In 2019, the Peggy Browning Fund will support over 80 public interest labor law fellowships nationwide. Securing a Peggy Browning Fellowship is not an easy task, with nearly 450 applicants competing for the honor this year. Peggy Browning Fellows are distinguished students who have not only excelled in law school but who have also demonstrated their commitment to workers' rights through their previous educational, work, volunteer and personal experiences. Viridiana Chabolla Mendoza certainly fits this description.

Viridiana Chabolla Mendoza was born in Mexico and raised in East Los Angeles, California as part of a large, immigrant family. She attended Pomona College and is currently a law student at U.C. Irvine School of Law. Prior to law school, Viridiana worked at Public Counsel, a public interest law office, supporting impact, civil rights litigation through community organizing. Last summer, she was an intern at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in Los Angeles. Viridiana is passionate about immigration, education, and labor.

The Peggy Browning Fund is a not for-profit organization established in memory of Margaret A. Browning, a prominent union-side attorney who was a member of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) from 1994 until 1997. Peggy Browning Fellowships provide law students with unique, diverse and challenging work experiences fighting for social and economic justice. These experiences encourage and inspire students to pursue careers in public interest labor law.

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