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## **UC IRVINE LAW STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS PEGGY BROWNING FELLOWSHIP**

*Philadelphia, PA, April 2022 - The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded a fellowship to Emma Steiner, a first-year student at University of California, Irvine School of Law. Emma will spend the fellowship working at Legal Aid at Work in San Francisco, CA. The application process is highly competitive, and the award is a tribute to their outstanding qualifications.*

This year, the Peggy Browning Fund is proud to announce we have accepted over 100 law students into our nationwide fellowships program, the largest cohort in our 25-year history! Securing a Peggy Browning Fellowship is a challenging process, with more than 700 applicants competing for the honor this year. While the country continues to recover from the pandemic, the fight for workplace justice has never been more pressing. Labor needs lawyers and we are inspired by the passion and dedication this year's Fellows bring to the movement. These 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. Emma Steiner certainly fits this description.

Emma is a Public Service Scholar at the University of California, Irvine law school. She is pursuing a legal career in order to advocate for workers and migrants. At law school, Emma has participated in Pro Bono legal services with Bet Tzedek's Employment Rights Project and Public Council's Mobile Homeowner Advocacy. Prior to law school Emma worked as a paralegal at the New York Legal Assistance Group in the Immigration Protection Unit and Brooklyn Defender Services in the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project, supporting attorneys defending immigrants in immigration court. Emma developed an interest in labor and employment during college when she was reported on the unionization of Tufts' adjunct professors, janitorial staff and dining staff. She pursued her interest, studying the history and politics of labor unions in Chile and supporting migrants seeking legal status and employment authorization. Emma is very excited to serve as the Peggy Browning Fellow with Legal Aid at Work in their Gender Equity program.

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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