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

*Philadelphia, PA, May 7, 2015 - The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded a 10-week summer fellowship to Sam Cretcher, a second-year student at the University of California Irvine College of Law. He will spend the fellowship working at the California Teachers Association in Burlingame, CA. The application process is highly competitive, and the award is a tribute to his outstanding qualifications.*

In 2015, the Peggy Browning Fund will support nearly 80 public interest labor law fellowships nationwide. With more than 400 applicants from 150 participating law schools, securing a Peggy Browning Fellowship is not an easy task. 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. Sam Cretcher certainly fits this description.

Sam decided to pursue his law degree so that he could address the power inequalities that exist across our society. After his first year of law school, he helped the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California represent indigent habeas petitioners facing death sentences. During his second year, he participated in a number of pro bono projects. One of these projects, the Employment Law Center's Workers' Right Clinic, served as Sam's primary motivation for joining the Peggy Browning Fund and pursuing a career in labor and employment.

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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