NORTHEASTERN LAW STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS PEGGY BROWNING FELLOWSHIP

Philadelphia, PA, February 22, 2016 - The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded a 10-week summer fellowship to Samuel Schwartz, a second-year student at Northeastern University School of Law. Samuel will spend the fellowship working at the UFCW International Union in Washington, DC. The application process is highly competitive, and the award is a tribute to his outstanding qualifications.

In 2016, the Peggy Browning Fund will support nearly 70 public interest labor law fellowships nationwide. Securing a Peggy Browning Fellowship is not an easy task, with over 325 applicants this year competing for the honor. 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. Samuel Schwartz certainly fits this description.

Sam majored in history and philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania, which allowed him to deepen his understanding of the theories and practices underlying the left-labor tradition. He also had the distinct pleasure of being organized by, and becoming friends with, some truly talented organizers who inspired him to take a more active role in local campaigns for workplace justice. Between college and law school Sam worked in low wage jobs at both ends of the food value chain; on an organic farm in northern California, and at a restaurant in Philadelphia. As a law student at Northeastern University School of Law, Sam has been able to deepen his understanding of and passion for plaintiff-side labor and employment law both inside the classroom and on co-ops. Sam worked as a law clerk in the Employment Law Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services last fall, and before joining the team at UFCW this summer, he will spend the spring working at the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office in the Fair Labor Division.

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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