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Newton, MA - The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded 10-week summer fellowships to two students at Boston College Law School. The students will spend their fellowships working at a union-side labor law firm and a worker center. Raymond A. Burke, Jr., will spend the fellowship at Greater Boston Legal Services in Boston, MA, and Brady Francisco-FitzMaurice will be at Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., in New York, NY.

The application process is highly competitive. In 2012 The Peggy Browning Fund will support 70 public interest labor law fellowships nationwide, with more than 500 applicants from 125 participating law schools. 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.

Burke, a first-year law student, received his bachelor’s degree from Boston College in 2005. After volunteering in El Salvador to facilitate service learning, nutrition, and education programs, he returned to the United States to work as a paralegal for the public benefits unit of Legal Aid of Western Missouri. Through this work, Ray began volunteering at the Kansas City Worker Justice Center to educate workers about their rights and assist them in filing wage and hour claims. Ray and other volunteers expanded their work in Kansas City to the local community surrounding Lawrence, Kansas, when they formed the Lawrence Worker Justice Coalition.

Francisco-FitzMaurice, now in his second year of law school, comes from Middlebury, Connecticut. He holds a B.A. magna cum laude in International Political Economy from Fordham University. Before beginning law school, Brady worked as an organizer for SEIU on home child care and mental health care campaigns in Massachusetts. Brady has spent significant time abroad working as an English teacher in South Korea and volunteering in Nicaragua. He has also worked at the law firm Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

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.

To learn more about The Peggy Browning Fund, visit www.peggybrowningfund.org.