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## DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS PEGGY BROWNING FELLOWSHIP

**Philadelphia, PA, May 2023 - The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded a fellowship to Melana Dayanim from Duke University School of Law.** 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 105 law students into our nationwide fellowship program, the largest cohort in our history! Securing a Peggy Browning Fellowship is a challenging process, with more than 550 applicants competing for the honor this year. As the country continues to face unprecedented challenges to workers' rights, 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, organizing, work, volunteer, and personal experiences.

**Melana Dayanim (J.D. candidate, 2025) will be at United Steelworkers in Pittsburgh, PA.** Originally from Philadelphia, Melana's interest in labor justice emerged while witnessing her mother's successful university faculty union strike. Melana's interest developed into a passion when she led a campaign to win housing stipends for AmeriCorps members at her service site, Vermont Legal Aid. Upon completing her service, Melana continued building her organizing and advocacy skills while working on local, state, and national political and issue-based campaigns. As a law student, she continues to organize with Carolina Jews for Justice and the Duke Graduate Student Union, and she strives to develop lawyering skills that best position her to support the labor movement. Melana studied Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh and is grateful for the opportunity to launch her labor law career at the union that represents her alma mater's faculty.