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CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY LAW STUDENT AWARDED
PRESTIGIOUS PEGGY BROWNING FELLOWSHIP

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded a 10-week summer fellowship to Ellen Berndtson, a second-year student at the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. Ms. Berndtson will spend the fellowship working at the Federal Labor Relations Authority in Washington, DC. Her qualifications made her an outstanding candidate in the highly competitive application process.

In 2011 The Peggy Browning Fund will support nearly 60 public interest labor law fellowships nationwide. With more than 460 applicants from 125 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. Ellen Berndtson is no exception.

Originally hailing from the Boston area, Ellen graduated from the University of Virginia in 2007 with a major in history. Following graduation Ellen worked for two years in Washington, D.C., first as a legal assistant at Winston & Strawn LLP and then as a recruiter for a legal staffing agency. Following her first year in law school she was employed at the U.S. Department of Transportation, and throughout this school year she has enjoyed an internship at the U.S. Department of Labor. Currently, Ellen is a member of the Catholic University Law Review. She hopes to practice in labor and employment law upon graduation.

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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