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## THOMAS JEFFERSON STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS PEGGY BROWNING FELLOWSHIP

Philadelphia, PA, May 8, 2013 - The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded a 10-week summer fellowship to Ian Seruelo, a second year student at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Ian Seruelo will spend the fellowship working at The Industrial Division of the Communications Workers of America (IUE-CWA) in Dayton, OH. The application process is highly competitive, and the award was based on his outstanding qualifications.

In 2013, the Peggy Browning Fund will support 70 public interest labor law fellowships nationwide. With more than 500 applicants from 139 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. Ian Seruelo is no exception.

Ian was born in the Philippines. Growing up witnessing widespread poverty and inequity, he worked with non-governmental organizations and progressive groups as a community organizer, journalist and activist. His advocacies involved working with labor and union leaders as well as farm workers, urban poor, students and leaders, and members of women's organizations. When he moved to the United States in 2005, Ian continued his work as an advocate organizing Filipino immigrant and guest workers, and serves as a liaison officer with the Philippine Labor Party. He also volunteers with the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium in processing applications for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). At his law school, Ian spearheaded the recent formation of the Labor and Employment Law Association of which he was elected as the founding president.

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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