



JUST THE BEGINNING— A Pipeline Organization

Join Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization as it brings hundreds of students, attorneys, judges, and other members of the JTB-APO family together for its 13th National Conference!

Events for Law School Students

Law School Robes in the School

- Thursday, September 17, 2026 (lunch hour at various Houston law schools).
- Get noticed by state and federal judges! Discuss the challenges they've faced, overcoming adversity, imposter syndrome, and why diversity of viewpoints is important to the judiciary. (Note: Students must be enrolled at the school where the event is held to attend.)

Judicial Panel

- Friday, September 18, 2026, from 9:30 - 10:30 AM at Four Seasons Hotel.
- Get inspired! Listen to and interact with state and federal judges from around the country. Discuss their path to the judiciary, why they chose law as their career, and ask about contemporary legal issues.

Top Tips for Getting Hired and Speed Networking

- Friday, September 18, 2026, from 10:45 - 12:30 PM at Four Seasons Hotel.
- Networking made easy! Listen to top law firms provide their best tips for getting hired. Then get to know several local lawyers from major law firms in a casual setting. Not only will you get the chance to hone your interview skills, but you'll have the opportunity to make personal connections with leading lawyers.

Events for Undergraduate Students

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So, You Want to Go to Law School?

- Friday, September 18, 2026, from 10:45 - 11:45 AM at Four Seasons Hotel.
- A panel of new attorneys are ready to answer all your questions about law school! Ask about their law school and professional experience! Discuss whether law school is right for you, how to choose a law school, and how to navigate your way through it!

[Register HERE for Undergraduate and Law Student Programs.](#)



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13th National Conference Scholarships

In support of Just the Beginning - A Pipeline Organization's (JTB) core values of Exposure, Education, and Connection, we are proud to offer the 13th National Conference Scholarships. [Apply HERE.](#)

Joshua and Dorothy Williams Memorial Legal Education Scholarship (incoming 1L for 2026-2027 school year)

Just The Beginning – A Pipeline Organization is proud to announce the Joshua and Dorothy Williams Memorial Legal Education Scholarship. Joshua and Dorothy Williams, beloved parents of The Honorable Ann Claire Williams (Ret.), were staunch believers in education, pursuing dreams and aspirations, and opening doors for those who are following behind. They nurtured and taught old fashioned values with love and humility.

13th National Conference Law School Scholarships (current 1L or 2L in the fall of 2025)

Named in honor of three trailblazing judges who worked towards expanding access to the legal profession, JTB will help support law students working toward their goals. JTB will select one recipient from each of the three Houston law schools.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our work would not be possible without the support of our volunteers! Volunteers play a key role in the success of our programs. By offering experience and expertise, law student volunteers get the opportunity to grow, work closely with fellow law students in the field, and experience the conference firsthand.

Volunteer Time Slots are Two Hours. Volunteers will be assigned based on their availability. Tasks include registration, CLE programs, gala check-in, and more. Volunteer opportunities can be found on the [program registration](#).

More information on the 13th National Conference can be found [HERE](#).