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### JUST THE BEGINNING – A PIPELINE ORGANIZATION (JTB) UPDATED RESPONSE TO COVID-19 REGARDING SUMMER LEGAL PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS

**CHICAGO, IL, April 13, 2020** –Following increased and overwhelming concerns about COVID-19, JTB has made the difficult decision to cancel its in-person programming this summer. This decision was made with an abundance of caution and most importantly, concern for the health and safety of JTB's scholars, volunteers, and staff.

While JTB is disappointed that we will not be able to move forward with in-person programming, we are excited about the opportunity to provide new and innovative virtual programming to students all over the country, not just in certain cities this summer. We fully realize that some of the best aspects of our programming are the connections JTB scholars create with each other and the invaluable bonds that are fostered through one on one interaction with our volunteers. Therefore, we need our volunteers and supporters now more than ever to ensure that we have the platforms, participation, and content needed to continue to Light the JTB Spark in scholars at a time when it's needed the most.

JTB will share additional details on its plans in the coming days. Please continue to check the organization's website and social media weekly for information.

Just The Beginning – A Pipeline Organization's mission is to encourage underrepresented students to pursue career and leadership opportunities into the law. JTB educates hundreds of students about the legal profession through our school-year programs and Summer Legal Institutes, and Summer Judicial Internship Diversity Project around the country. These programs are all provided completely free of charge to the students we serve.

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For more information on JTB's programs and how your support can have an impact, please contact Lori Malinski, Senior Manager of Development at [lmalinski@jtb.org](mailto:lmalinski@jtb.org) or 312-661-5717.