



SUMMER LEGAL INSTITUTE

Co-sponsored by

**Just the Beginning Foundation and
DePaul University College of Law**

Wednesday, June 20, 2007 — Saturday, June 30, 2007

OVERVIEW

Just the Beginning Foundation (JTBF) is a non-profit service organization dedicated to improving the legal system in the United States and preserving and honoring the legacy of African-Americans in the federal judiciary. The organization seeks to develop and nurture an interest in the legal profession among young people from underrepresented groups and to support their continued advancement, with the long-term goal of increasing racial and ethnic diversity in the federal courts and the legal profession as a whole.

The JTBF Summer Legal Institute is an exciting nine-day program designed to introduce high school students to the legal system, expose them to careers in the law and provide them with practical tools for achieving their educational goals. Students work with judges, lawyers and law students on legal reasoning, case analysis, writing, negotiation and oral argument exercises. In addition, students and their parents/guardians/mentors receive college preparatory advice on topics such as preparing for standardized tests, completing applications and securing financial aid.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Summer Legal Institute is scheduled to run from approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each weekday, with a Saturday morning session for students and their parents/guardians/mentors on the final day.

The Institute involves a combination of classroom lectures, logic and critical thinking exercises, writing and oral advocacy instruction, guest speakers, and field trips to area law firms, government offices and courthouses.

Students who participate in the Institute will:

- Study the legal system and how it works;
- Analyze selected cases, debate legal issues and participate in a mock oral argument;
- Gain insight into the college admissions process, from preparing for standardized tests to writing persuasive essays;
- Learn what it takes to become a lawyer;
- Find out about financial aid resources for college and law school; and
- Develop contacts with legal professionals and organizations that provide scholarships, internships and mentors.

Recognizing that the involvement of adult role models is critical to the students' educational success, the Institute includes a Saturday session for parents/guardians/mentors, where they learn about the steps involved in helping students navigate the process of taking standardized tests, applying to college, exploring financial aid and working toward a goal of attending law school.

LOCATION

The Summer Legal Institute will be held on the campus of DePaul University College of Law at 25 East Jackson Boulevard (between Wabash and State Streets) in downtown Chicago. Students accepted to the Institute will receive free CTA or Metra passes to cover their transportation expenses.

STIPEND

At the end of the program, each student participant will receive a stipend of \$100. Students must arrive on time, attend all classes and participate in all Institute activities in order to receive the stipend.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Summer Legal Institute is open to students who are currently sophomores or juniors in high school. Enrollment is limited to 40 students. To apply, students must submit the following:

- **Application Form**
- **Statement of Interest**
- **Copy of high school transcript**
- **Completed Letter of Recommendation Form**

Completed application packets should be sent to:

LaShonda A. Hunt, Director
Just the Beginning Foundation
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6600
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Application packets also may be faxed to 312-258-5600.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 30, 2007.

For further information about the Summer Legal Institute, call 312-258-5931 or visit www.jtbf.org.

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APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print clearly, using black or blue ink.

Name _____		Social Security Number _____
Home Address _____		
City, State, Zip _____		
Home Phone Number _____	Cell Phone Number _____	Email Address _____
Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year) _____	Expected Graduation Date _____
High School _____		
High School Address _____		

Please identify your racial or ethnic background by checking one or more of the following boxes (optional):

Ethnic Identity: <i>(check one)</i>			<input type="checkbox"/> White
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic		

<i>How did you find out about the Summer Legal Institute?</i>		
Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____		
Home Phone Number _____	Work Phone Number _____	Cell Phone Number _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____		Date _____
Student Signature _____		Date _____

Statement of Interest (required)

On a separate piece of paper, please submit a typewritten essay of no more than 500 words telling us about yourself and discussing why you would like to participate in this program. Be sure to include your name on the statement.

Application Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Letter of Recommendation Form <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of high school transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Completed application form (signed by the applicant and a parent or guardian)	Please fax (312-258-5600) or mail complete application packet to: LaShonda A. Hunt, Director Just the Beginning Foundation 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6600 Chicago, Illinois 60606 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: MONDAY APRIL 30, 2007
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