

# Youth Justice Awareness Month Celebrates Juvenile Defenders

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016**

3 – 5 PM

The Supreme Court Chambers at Matheson Courthouse  
450 South State Street • Salt Lake City, Utah 84111  
(Light refreshments)

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In May 1967 the United States Supreme Court decision In re Gault guaranteed a child's right to counsel in juvenile court. In anticipation of the 50th anniversary of this landmark decision the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice has chosen to honor and celebrate juvenile defenders. The Utah Board of Juvenile Justice strives to ensure that the entire justice system and the public, from teachers to service providers to faith leaders, understand the role of juvenile defenders and why access to counsel is not only constitutionally required, but also critically important to achieving better outcomes for youth and our community.

The Event will honor Juvenile Defenders who have shown zealous advocacy and dedication by giving youth a clear and powerful voice in the courtroom. Awardees to be announced.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**Amanda J. Powell**

Attorney, Trainer, and Juvenile Defense  
Consultant, National Juvenile Defender Center

**FEATURED GUESTS:**

**Supreme Court Justice John Pearce**

*“Whereas, adolescents who are placed under the jurisdiction  
of the juvenile court system are entitled to competent legal counsel  
who specialize in representing minors.”*

— Declaration of Juvenile Justice Awareness Month, Governor Gary R. Herbert

