



# Utah State Courts

## Judge for a Day Program In recognition of Law Day 2016 Miranda: More than Words

### What?

Judge for a Day is a program organized by the Utah State Courts to provide high school students with an opportunity to shadow a judge for one day in April or in May. The court selects students to participate in the program based on a Law Day theme-related essay, civic involvement resume, or a teacher nomination letter.

### Why?

Judge for a Day was established to recognize Law Day, which is celebrated on May 1. The 2016 Law Day theme is “Miranda: More than Words.” The words, “you have a right to remain silent,” have become ingrained in popular U.S. culture, but there is more to these constitutional protections. The Law Day theme allows an opportunity to explore a citizen’s rights when taken into police custody.

### Who?

Students will be paired with a judge from a courthouse near their home or school for one day. The student will spend from about 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the judge to learn what it takes to be a judge and to get a behind the scenes look at the judicial branch of government.

### How?

Submit an application form along with a Law Day theme-related essay, civic involvement resume or a teacher nomination letter by **March 14, 2016**, to the Utah State Court’s Communication Director Geoffrey Fattah at [geofff@utcourts.gov](mailto:geofff@utcourts.gov). For more information on the Law Day theme, go to [www.lawday.org](http://www.lawday.org).

*Fifty-seven years ago President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day a “day of national dedication to the principle of government under law.”*

*2016 Law Day provides an opportunity to consider Miranda v. Arizona.*

*Miranda rights come into play when someone is in police custody and has become an integral part of police practice in the U.S.*

*This constellation of rights is designed to protect citizens from potential abuses from police and ensure fair and just treatment in the criminal justice system.*

