



# MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

## AWARD WINNERS

### 2017

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#### **The Leader of Justice Award** *The Alan H. Murrell Award*

For tireless dedication to the core mission, vision, and values of  
The Office of the Public Defender.

**KEITH LOTRIDGE**

DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

#### **The Advocate for Justice Award** *The William W. Cahill, Jr. Award*

The Advocate for Justice Award is named in honor of William W. Cahill, Jr. Mr. Cahill was an original member of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender Board of Trustees. He built a legacy of service to the legal community and beyond. This award is presented to the employee who best exemplifies the core mission, vision and values of the Office of the Public Defender and is recognized for these qualities by colleagues, the Court, the community and clientele. The person goes beyond the boundaries of the job in service delivery; has a positive approach to duties; and is a role model for others.

**ALEX HUTT**

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER  
FREDERICK & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

**The Beacon of Justice Award**  
***The Rice-Taylor Award***

The Beacon of Justice Award, is given for outstanding service to the Agency and the clients we serve, by an intake employee. This award is given to the employee who embodies the hard work & dedication, exemplified by Rebecca “Betsy” Rice and Bobby Taylor. Both were dedicated to the mission of the agency and never faltered in providing excellent service to our clients even when facing their own medical challenges.

**MARY HOTOVY**

INTAKE  
FREDERICK COUNTY

**The Believer of Justice Award**  
***The Jane Addams Award***

The Believer of Justice Award is named in honor of Jane Addams, a social work pioneer who established the Hull House, a settlement house offering medical care, childcare and legal aid. This award is given to an OPD social worker who exemplifies strong and tireless advocacy on behalf of their clients while upholding the core mission, vision and values of the Office of the Public Defender.

**STEPHANIE ZARB**

SOCIAL WORKER  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**The Pillar of Justice Award**  
***The Mary "Dodie" Cavender Award***

The Pillar of Justice Award is named in honor of Mary "Dodie" Cavender, an office manager in the Montgomery County [District 6] office of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. "Dodie" began her career as a part-time secretary in 1985 and retired in March 2005 as office manager. In honor of Dodie's reliability, responsibility and dedication to hard work, this award is presented to the office manager, administrative aide or secretary who best exemplifies the core mission, vision and values of the Office of the Public Defender.

**ERICA HAWKINS**

SECRETARY  
CHARLES COUNTY

**The Champion of Justice Award**  
***The Bryan Stevenson Award***

For championing reforms that seek to preserve or improve the Federal or State constitutional rights of criminal clients by challenging laws and statutes that would diminish indigent people's right to justice.

**NADINE WETTSTEIN**

IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

**The Juvenile Defender Award**  
***The In Re Gault Award***

This award is given to an OPD juvenile attorney for their exemplary advocacy in the fight to protect the due process rights of juvenile clients. This person exemplifies the mission and core values of the Agency, but also develops innovative challenges to the governing juvenile laws and statutes.

**STEPHEN BERGMAN**

JUVENILE PROTECTION DIVISION

&

**THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
JUVENILE TEAM**

**Ian Augarten**

**Maria Baldrige**

**Mark Blaser**

**Michael Chandler**

**Erin Josendale**

**Brian Nettey**

**Nabanita Pal**

**Jazmyn Taitingfong**

**Kevin Valdez**

**Monica Wilson**

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