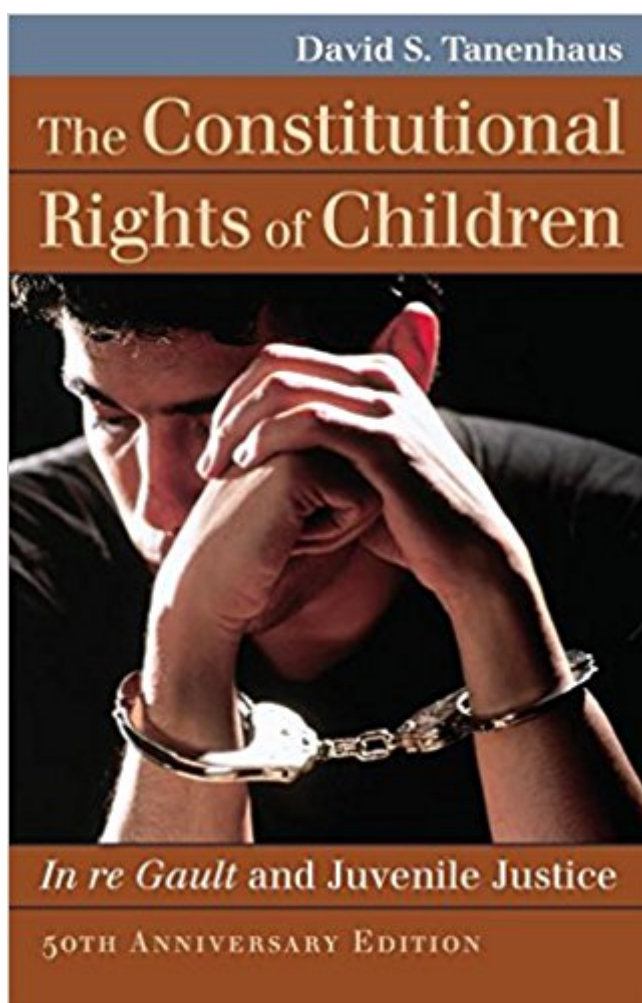


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# The Constitutional Rights Of Children: In Re Gault And Juvenile Justice (Landmark Law Cases & American Society)



## Synopsis

This new edition upon the 50th anniversary of *In re Gault* includes expanded coverage of the Roberts Court's juvenile justice decisions including *Miller v. Alabama*; explains how disregard for children's constitutional rights led to the "Kids for Cash" scandal in Pennsylvania; new legal developments in the Gault case; and, updates the bibliography and chronology. When fifteen-year-old Gerald Gault of Globe, Arizona, allegedly made an obscene phone call to a neighbor, he was arrested by the local police, tried in a proceeding that did not require his accuser's testimony, and sentenced to six years in a juvenile "boot camp" for an offense that would have cost an adult only two months. Even in a nation fed up with juvenile delinquency, that sentence seemed excessive and inspired a spirited defense on Gault's behalf. Led by Norman Dorsen, the ACLU ultimately took Gault's case to the Supreme Court and in 1967 won a landmark decision authored by Justice Abe Fortas. Widely celebrated as the most important children's rights case of the twentieth century, *In re Gault* affirmed that children have some of the same rights as adults and formally incorporated the Fourteenth Amendment's due process protections into the administration of the nation's juvenile courts.

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