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## **DEQ Top Chief Amanda Smith Named Lawyer of the Year Award**

Salt Lake City, Utah – Amanda Smith, executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has been named Lawyer of the Year by the Energy, Natural Resources and Environmental Law (ENREL) Section of the Utah State Bar.

Smith will receive the award at the annual meeting of the Utah State Bar's ENREL Section today.

"It is an incredible honor to be recognized by my peers," Smith said. "I am very humbled to receive this award."

The award recognizes an attorney's unique achievement in energy, natural resources and environmental law during the past year. Smith is being recognized for her leadership in legislative efforts for the successful passage of Senate Bill 11 and 21, two bills sponsored by Sen. Margaret Dayton, which created new adjudicative procedures for administrative appeals of environmental permits and restructured the DEQ Boards to allow for more robust public participation.

ENREL also will honor Denise Chancellor, who represented DEQ, for the "Life Time Achievement" award. Chancellor, former Division Chief for the Attorney General's Environmental Section, retired in August.

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