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Kristen Hamilton practices in Franklin County, previously serving as the Juvenile Public Defender from 2010-2020, the county's guardian *ad litem* from 2010-2024 and now is the Juvenile Hearing Officer. Ms. Hamilton received her undergraduate degree from Gettysburg College after which she was employed at Abraxas Youth Center as a Senior Treatment Supervisor, working with juvenile firesetters and sexual offenders and drug/addictions treatment. Ms. Hamilton graduated with her *J.D.* from Widener Law Commonwealth, receiving commencement awards from the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and Widener in the areas of Children and the Law and Families. She has served as a panelist for various CLEs with topics ranging from civility within the profession to child advocacy. Ms. Hamilton is a past-Chair of Franklin County's Young Lawyers' Division, past-President of the FCBA, and has served on the late Chief Justice Baer's Statewide Children's Roundtable, and is a graduate and past co-chair of the PBA Bar Leadership Institute. She currently serves as Secretary of the Franklin/Fulton Children's Roundtable, FCBA Executive Board Social Committee Chair, and delegate to the PBA House of Delegates. Ms. Hamilton continues to be active in the PBA, as its current President-Elect. Ms. Hamilton serves on multiple other committees and organizations, both statewide and local, to improve the practice of law, as well as positively impact the lives of children and families in Pennsylvania through family law and the juvenile delinquency, dependency systems.