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**KINGS COUNTY FAMILY COURT**

Judge Hamill currently presides over Brooklyn's newly-created child protective emergency hearing part in the Kings County Family Court, where she hears and decides whether children must be removed from their parents for their safety and well-being. Previously, she presided over another model child protective part and related matters for six years.

Before becoming an attorney, she had a ten-year career as a psychiatric nurse, which included working in inpatient psychiatric hospitals and outpatient day hospitals in New Orleans and New York. During the mid 80s, while raising a young family in Bermuda, she volunteered her services, counseling victims of domestic violence as well as the perpetrators. She was instrumental in founding Bermuda's first domestic violence shelter.

These experiences led Judge Hamill to law school, where, upon her graduation in 1990 from City University of New York's School of Law, she practiced law as an assistant district attorney in the Bronx County's District Attorney's Office, primarily investigating and prosecuting child abuse, domestic violence, and sex crimes. Additionally, she assisted in the creation and implementation of various training programs for all levels of assistants. During her 3 years immediately prior to her 2001 appointment to the Family Court bench, Judge Hamill was law clerk to Bronx Supreme Court, Criminal Term, Justice Joseph Fisch.

Judge Hamill serves on the Board of Visitors of CUNY School of Law, the New York County Lawyers' Association's Task Force on the Family Court, the New York City Judicial Leadership Team on the Disproportionate Number of Minority Children in the Foster Care System, and the Council on Children of the New York City Bar, where she previously served on its Council on Judicial Administration and its Task Force on Women in the Courts. She is a member of the New York State and City Family Court Judges' Associations. She is admitted to the bars of the State of New York, the U.S. Federal Court, Southern District of New York, and the U.S. Supreme Court.