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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**  
**John T. Hamilton, Jr., Esq. Award**  
**For Excellence in the Legal Representation of Children**  
**2019**

On behalf of Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, and the Justices of the Court, the Office of Attorneys for Children is pleased to invite interested individuals to nominate candidates for the 2019 John T. Hamilton, Jr., Esq. Award for Excellence in the Legal Representation of Children.

Each year the Court presents this important award to an outstanding Third Department attorney for the child who demonstrates the qualities that the late John Hamilton exemplified during his distinguished career: excellence in legal representation of children and commitment to the well-being of child clients.

Mr. Hamilton personified the values and aspirations that lie at the heart of New York's leadership in the legal representation of children. In conferring the Hamilton Award, the Appellate Division, Third Department honors the achievements of the individual recipient and celebrates the contribution of all attorneys for children to the attainment of these worthy ideals.

All nominations will be reviewed by members of the Court. The award will be presented by a Justice of the Appellate Division at a luncheon attended by Third Department panel attorneys, in conjunction with the Office of Attorneys for Children's Annual Topical Conference, on Friday, **April 26, 2019** at the Red Lion Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn), located at 205 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205.

To nominate someone, please fill out the attached nomination form and submit it, together with a brief narrative describing the candidate's accomplishments and any additional materials, by **Friday, March 29, 2019** to:

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Thank you very much.

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JOHN T. HAMILTON, JR., ESQ. AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN  
2019

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Panel Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and/or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This nomination form must be accompanied by a narrative** describing the candidate's achievements or accomplishments and specific reasons why he/she should receive this award, together with any additional letters of support, documentation and/or supporting materials. Please submit to:

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