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Killian & Gephart
218 Pine Street
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Court-Appointed Custody
Conference Officer 1985 - 2005

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Admitted to Pennsylvania Bar, 1978, Pennsylvania

Admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States (2004)

Admitted to practice before United States District Court, Western District (1978)

Admitted to practice before United States District Court, Middle District (1982)

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers 1988 to present

President 2013-2014

Past Chair, By-Laws Committee; Chair Emeritus, Custody
Standards Committee; Past Member, Board of Governors; Past
Co-Chair, CLE Committee

Vice Chair (and founding Fellow of) AAML/AFCC Joint
Conference on Advanced Custody Issues

Pennsylvania Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial
 Lawyers 1988 to present
 Past President; Past Member, Board of Managers and Board of
 Examiners

Fellow, International Academy of 2002 to 2018
 Matrimonial Lawyers
 Past Editor, Newsletter

Diplomate, American College of Family 2012 to present
 Trial Lawyers

Member, American Bar Association 2008 to 2019
 Member, Family Law Section

Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association 1978 to present
 Past Chair, Family Law Section

Member, Dauphin County Bar Association 1980 to present
 Member, Court Relations Committee; Member, Family
 Law Section; Past Member, Board of Directors; and Past
 Chairman, Family Law Section

Member, Cumberland County Bar Association 2000 to present
 Member, Family Law Section

Member, Franklin County Bar Association 2003 to present
 Member, Family Law Section
 Member, Board of Directors 2019 to present
 Chairman, Bench Bar Conference 2019 to present

Master and previously Vice President, Cumberland County
 American Inn of Court 2001 to present

Member, Association of Family and 2010 to present
 Conciliation Courts
 Co-founder of AFCC/AAML Joint Conference on Custody

Past Member, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association
 Past Member, Board of Governors; Past Chairman, Family Law Section;
 and former Casenotes Editor for *The Barrister*

Past Member, American Trial Lawyers Association

Past Member, Dauphin County Seminar for Separating Parents Task Force

Past Member, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association LAW PAC

PRESENTATIONS

Video Interview	Family Lawyer Magazine – Custody Conflicts and Maintaining a Successful Family Law Practice During Covid-19. March, 2020
Testified	Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee Public Hearing on pending Presumptive Joint Custody legislation, Harrisburg, PA, (appeared on behalf of the Joint State Government Commission Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law) December, 2019
Conference Planner	AFCC/AAML 2019 Joint Conference on Advanced Issues in Custody. San Diego, CA. September, 2019
Speaker	AFCC/AAML 2019 Joint Conference - Navigating Challenging Terrain: Psychological Testing in the Courtroom. San Diego, CA, September, 2019
Speaker	Pa. Supreme Court Disciplinary Board training program. Harrisburg, PA, June, 2019
Speaker	Franklin County Bench Bar – Custody Evaluations. Mercersburg, PA, October, 2017
Conference Planner	AFCC/AAML 2017 Joint Conference on Advanced Issues in Custody. San Diego, CA, September, 2017
Speaker	AFCC/AAML 2017 Joint Conference - Psychological Testing and Cross Examination. San Diego, CA, September, 2017
Speaker	Franklin County Bench Bar – Dealing with the Stress of a Family Law Practice. Gettysburg, PA, October, 2015

Speaker	Cumberland Count Inns of Court – Maintaining Sanity in the Practice of Law. October, 2015
Conference Planner	AFCC/AAML 2015 Joint Conference on Advanced Issues in Custody. Washington, D.C. September, 2015
Speaker	AFCC/AAML 2015 Conference - Private Adjudication of Child Custody: Trends, Traps and Tips. Washington, D.C. October 2015
Speaker	PA Conference of State Trial Judges - What Family Court Lawyers Want Family Court Judges to Know, Hershey, PA, July 2015
Speaker	PBA/FLS Program - Practicing Wellness While Practicing Family Law, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV, July 2015
Course Planner/Speaker	PBI Child and Spousal Support – Back to Basics, Mechanicsburg, PA, December 2014
Speaker	Iowa State Bar Association Annual Meeting – Child Custody Evaluations, Des Moines, IA, June, 2014
Conference Planner	AFCC/AAML 2013 Joint Conference on Advanced Issues in Custody. Washington, D.C. September, 2013
Speaker	NBI Divorce Law A to Z, Harrisburg, PA August 22, 2013
Course Planner/Moderator	Family Law Practice in Central Pennsylvania, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, November, 2012
Speaker	Family Law Seminar – Child Custody Evaluation Standards, Iowa Bar Association, Des Moines, IA, October, 2012
Speaker	AAML Custody Evaluation Standards, Hartford County Annual Family Law Case Management Conference, Bel Air, MD, September, 2012

Speaker	Custody Evaluation: What Are We Looking At, National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges National Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March, 2012
Speaker	Finding Hidden Assets in Divorce and Support Cases, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, March, 2012.
Speaker	Key Issues Under the New Custody Act, Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, Philadelphia, PA, February, 2012
Speaker	Advanced Issues in Child Custody: How Divorce Lawyers and Mental Health Professionals Work With and Against Each Other, AAML/AFCC, Philadelphia, PA, September, 2011
Speaker	Mental Health-Attorney Consultation in Child Custody Cases Ethical and Methodological Considerations, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, June, 2011
Course Planner/Moderator	Presentation of a Custody Evaluation in a Complex Custody Trial, PBI, Philadelphia, PA, May, 2011
Course Planner/Moderator	Presentation of a Custody Evaluation in a Complex Custody Trial, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, May, 2011
Course Planner/Moderator	Presentation of a Custody Evaluation in a Complex Custody Trial, PBI, Pittsburgh, PA, May, 2011
Course Planner/Speaker	Intersection of Legal and Mental Health Issues in Custody Cases, PBI, Philadelphia, PA, February, 2011
Course Planner/Speaker	Intersection of Legal and Mental Health Issues in Custody Cases, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, February, 2011

Speaker	The New Custody Law In Pennsylvania, Franklin County Bar Association, Lunch & Learn, Chambersburg, PA, January, 2011
Speaker	HB 1639, PBI, PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting, Lancaster, PA, January, 2011
Speaker	HB 1639 – The Ins and Outs of the New Custody Law, Cumberland County Bar Association, Lunch & Learn, Carlisle, PA, January, 2011
Speaker	14 th Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, November, 2010
Course Planner/Speaker	Custody Evaluation Standards, AAML, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November, 2010
Speaker	AFCC Ninth Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Boston, MA, October, 2010
Speaker	Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, February, 2009
Speaker	Pitfalls of Family Law - Malpractice/Ethics, PBI, PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January, 2008
Speaker	Pitfalls of Family Law - Malpractice and/or Ethical Dilemma, PBI, Philadelphia, PA, August, 2007
Speaker	How to Ace Your Appeal, PBI, Family Law Institute, Mechanicsburg, PA, April, 2007
Speaker	How to Ace Your Appeal, PBI, PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting, Atlantic City, NJ, January, 2007
Speaker	Analyzing Tax Returns, DRAP Conference, Valley Forge, PA, November, 2006

Speaker	Ethics for Family Lawyers, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, August, 2006
Speaker	Fundamentals of Family Law, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, July, 2006
Faculty	Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, Widener University, Harrisburg, PA, May, 2006
Speaker	Ninth Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, November, 2005
Speaker	General Practitioner's Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, June, 2005
Speaker	Earning Capacity in Support Cases, DRAP Conference, Nemaquin, PA, November, 2004
Speaker	Eighth Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, October, 2004
Testified	Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee Public Hearing on pending Custody legislation, Harrisburg, PA, August, 2004 (appeared on behalf of the Joint State Government Commission Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law)
Speaker	General Practitioner's Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, June, 2004
Speaker	Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, December, 2003
Speaker	Seventh Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, November, 2003
Speaker	Family Law Practice in Central Pennsylvania, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, October, 2003
Speaker	General Practitioner's Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, June, 2003

Speaker	Finding Hidden Income The Balance Sheet: What You Need to Know PBA Family Law Section Winter Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, January, 2003
Speaker	Sixth Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, October, 2002
Speaker	Earning Capacity in Support Cases and Tax Return Analysis, DRAP Conference, Nemacolin, PA, October, 2002
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	Trial of a Custody Case, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, August, 2002
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	Trial of a Custody Case, PBI, Philadelphia, PA, August, 2002
Speaker	General Practitioner's Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, June, 2002
Testified	Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee Public Hearing on pending Custody legislation, Harrisburg, PA, May, 2002 (appeared on behalf of the Joint State Government Commission Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law)
Speaker	How to Read Tax Returns, Franklin County Domestic Relations Office, Chambersburg, PA, May, 2002
Speaker	Dealing with Earning Capacity in Support Actions, Cumberland County Bar Association, Carlisle, PA, January, 2002
Speaker	Litigating Custody Cases, PBI, Philadelphia, PA, January, 2002
Speaker	Business Valuation in Equitable Distribution, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, December, 2001

Speaker	How to Read Tax Returns, Dauphin County Domestic Relations Office, Harrisburg, PA, November, 2001
Speaker	Fifth Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, October, 2001
Speaker	Family Law Potpourri, PBI, Philadelphia, PA April, 2001
Testified	Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee Public Hearing on pending Presumptive Joint Custody legislation, Harrisburg, PA, April, 2001 (appeared on behalf of the Joint State Government Commission Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law)
Moderator/Speaker	Family Law Practice in Central Pennsylvania, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, February, 2001
Speaker	Fourth Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, November, 2000
Speaker	Tax Consequences in Divorce: Avoiding the Pitfalls, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, August, 2000
Speaker	Practicum on Custody and Divorce, DCBA, Harrisburg, PA, April, 2000
Moderator/Speaker	Fundamentals of Family Law, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, March, 2000
Speaker	Joint State Government Commission Recommendations on Custody, PBA, Philadelphia, PA, January, 2000
Speaker	Third Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, November, 1999
Speaker	Joint State Commission Update: What You Need to Know, PBA, New York City, NY, July 1999

Testified	Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee Public Hearing on pending Paternity legislation, Harrisburg, PA, April, 1999 (appeared on behalf of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section)
Speaker	Tips from the Frontline: Pragmatic Custody, PBI, Mechanicsburg, PA, April, 1999
Speaker/Author	Evidentiary Issues at Trial and on Appeal, PBA, Pittsburgh, PA, January 1999
Speaker/Author	Advanced Custody Relocation Seminar, AAML, PA Chapter, Pittsburgh, PA, January, 1999
Speaker	Evidence for Family Lawyers, NITA, Mechanicsburg, PA, December, 1998
Speaker/Author	Second Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, November, 1998
Speaker	Reading Tax Returns for the Self-Employed Defendant, D.R.A.P. Conference, Harrisburg, PA, September, 1998
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	Trial of a Custody Case, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, April, 1998
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	Trial of a Custody Case, PBI, Philadelphia, PA, April, 1998
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	First Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Harrisburg PA, November, 1997
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	First Annual Family Law Update, PBI, Pittsburgh, PA, October, 1997
Speaker	Collateral Issues in Family Law: Tax Fraud, Criminal Actions, and Bankruptcy, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, June, 1997
Speaker/Author	Update on the Support Guidelines, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, May, 1997

Course Planner/Speaker/Author	Family Law Arbitration and Mediation, PBI, Pittsburgh, PA, April, 1997
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	Family Law Arbitration and Mediation, PBI, Harrisburg, PA February, 1997
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	Family Law Practice in Central Pennsylvania, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, February, 1997
Speaker	Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, November, 1996
Speaker	Equitable Distribution Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, October, 1996
Speaker	Fundamentals of Family Law, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, March, 1996
Speaker	Advanced Family Symposium, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, December, 1995
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	Hot Issues in Custody, PBI, Pittsburgh, PA, November, 1995
Speaker/Author	AAML Advanced Mediation Training, AAML, Chicago, Illinois, November, 1995
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	Hot Issues in Custody, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, October, 1995
Course Planner/Speaker/Author	Hot Issues in Custody, PBI, Philadelphia, PA, September, 1995
Speaker	Tax Traps in Divorce Law, PBI, Harrisburg, PA July, 1995
Speaker/Author	AAML Mediation Training, AAML, Chicago, Illinois, January, 1995
Speaker	Women and Divorce: The Legal Aspects, Woman Care, Harrisburg, January, 1995

Speaker	AAML Mediation Training Panel, AAML, Chicago, Illinois, November, 1994
Speaker	AAML Mediation Training, AAML, Chicago, Illinois, June, 1994
Speaker/Author	Fundamentals of Family Law, PBI, Scranton, PA, March, 1994
Speaker/Author	Fundamentals of Family Law, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, February, 1994
Speaker	Equitable Distribution Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA March, 1993
Speaker	Family Law Update, DCBA/PBI, Harrisburg, PA, November, 1993
Audio Lecture	College Support in Light of <i>Blue v. Blue</i> and Act 62, PBI, October, 1993
Speaker	Support Law Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA July, 1993
Speaker	Equitable Distribution Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA March, 1993
Speaker	Child and Spousal Support, PBI, Harrisburg, PA March, 1992
Speaker	Tax Aspects of Divorce, PBI, Harrisburg, PA November, 1991
Speaker	Equitable Distribution Update, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, October, 1991
Speaker/Author	How to Challenge Psychological Evidence in Custody Cases, PBI, Harrisburg, PA July, 1991
Speaker/Author	Tax Aspects of Separation and Divorce, PBI, Harrisburg, PA November, 1989
Speaker/Author	Prenuptial Agreements, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, September, 1988

Speaker/Author	Prenuptial Agreements, PBI, Pittsburgh, PA, September, 1988
Speaker/Author	Prenuptial Agreements, PBI, Allentown, PA, September, 1988
Speaker	Family Law Statewide Institute - The Evolution of a Contested Domestic Relations Case, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, November, 1984
Speaker	Shaping the Future, D.R.A.P. Conference, Harrisburg, PA, September, 1988
Speaker	Family Law Developments 1987, Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, PA, April, 1987
Speaker	What the Divorce Code Can Do to Your Estate and Business Clients, PBI, Harrisburg, PA, October, 1986
Speaker	The Nuts and Bolts of the Family Law Case, PaTLA, Champion, PA, July, 1986
Speaker	Annual Update of the Law, PaTLA, White Haven, PA, July, 1985
Speaker	Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in Law Offices, PBI, Hershey, PA, May, 1983
Speaker	Family Law Statewide Institute, PBI, Sunbury, PA, November, 1981

HONORS

AAML Fellow of the Year	2011
Pennsylvania Bar Association Special Achievement Award	2011
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Presidential Service Award	2011
Appointed to the Hearing Committee of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania	2010 - present
Senior Hearing Member	2018 - present

Appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Domestic Relations Rules Committee	2009 - 2016
Chair	2015 - 2016
Appointed to Joint State Government Commission Advisory Committee on Domestic Relations Law	1996 - present
Chairman, Subcommittee on Custody	
Appointed to Commission for Justice Initiatives in PA	2005 - 2015
Changing the Culture of Custody Committee	
Appointed to the AFCC Task Force which developed Guidelines for Parenting Plan Evaluations in Family Law Cases	2019 - 2022
Rated “AV” by Martindale Hubbell	
Recognized as a Preeminent Lawyer by Martindale Hubbell	
Listed in Best Lawyers in America	
Central Penn Business Journal’s Women of Influence	2014
Chosen as Central Pennsylvania’s Best Lawyers, Family Lawyer of the Year 2010 and 2015	
Listed in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers	
Named as a Select Lawyer™ by Susquehanna Style Magazine	2016
Voted Reader’s Choice Best Lawyer by Harrisburg Magazine	2012 - 2016

COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Member, Kiwanis Club of Harrisburg	1996-2002
Member, Board of Directors; Member, Pennsylvania National Horse Show Steering Committee; and Chair, Merchandise Committee	
Founding Member, Christopher Columbus 1492 Society	1992 - present