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Julie K. Hilton is a lawyer (member of Fla., New York and Massachusetts Bars), a mediator (Certified Civil and Family Mediator in the Circuit and County Courts of the State of Florida), a businessperson and a strong believer in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM). As a founding member, director and president of Citizens for Health Freedom, Julie and her dad and partner, Charles Hilton, led the lobbying efforts for the Health Freedom Bill (S1324 – Chapter 2001 – 116) last year which was signed by Governor Bush May 31, 2001.

She earned a B.S. in Business Administration - Banking and Finance with High Honors from the University of Florida, a M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, Graduate School of Business, and a J.D. with honors from the University of Florida, College of Law. Ms. Hilton is vice president and co-owner of Hilton, Inc., which owns and operates six award-winning hotels in Panama City/Beach, Florida. She is also a partner with the law firm of Hilton, Hilton, Kolk & Roesch; director/co-owner of Holiday Golf & Tennis Club, Inc.; partner with The Hilton Company; and director/co-owner of La Valencia Beach Resort Developers, Inc., Panama City Beach, Florida.

Ms. Hilton serves on various boards including the Board of the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (past chairman), the Florida Hotel & Motel Association Board and the Supreme Court of Florida Mediator Qualifications Board. Julie also serves as a member of the Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission. Ms. Hilton is a founding member and past president and director of Holiday Inn SunSpree Resorts of Florida Resort Marketing Association; a past director of the International Association of Holiday Inns (IAHI) Board; a past governor of District IV Best Western International; and a former member of the Florida Arts Council.

Recent community activities include serving on the Board of the Panama City Beaches Chamber of Commerce (past president), Bay County Chamber of Commerce, Panama City Music Association, United Way, American Red Cross, and Bay Arts Alliance. Her other associations include serving as chair of the Eastern Regional Committee, The Southern Regional Committee, and the Strategic Services Committee of the IAHI, and the chair of the Internet Committee and a member of the Spring Break Committee of the Panama City Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau.

MS. Hilton was named outstanding Young Woman (1997) by the Panama City Junior Women's Club and received the Phil Shearer Memorial "Helping Hand" Award (1996).