

Court Blocks Mother From Fleeing Country with Son and Orders Boy Turned Over to Dad

CHICAGO, April 10, 2017 - Victory belongs to a devoted Chicagoland father – as well as the Leving legal team whose privilege it was to fight for this dad during the fraught ordeal.

This adoring and involved father of an eleven-year old boy was fearful of losing his son forever. He was desperate to keep his son from being removed from the country. Despite the dad obtaining an order granting him visitation with his son nearly a decade ago, the child's mother recently threatened to flee the USA with her boyfriend and deviously abscond with the child – effectively cutting off all meaningful contact between dad and his only son.

With the clock ticking, the mother's flight from the United States imminent, and the real possibility of perhaps never seeing his son again staring this dad in the face – the Jeffery M. Leving Dad's Right's litigators James Nieland, Michael Ochoa, and Anthony D'Agostino – undeterred – answered this dad's desperate call for help.



Attorney James Nieland

Working fast and around the clock, D'Agostino sought an administrative passport alert from the U.S. State Department as to the issuance of any passport for their client's son, stymieing any plans of the mother to attempt to leave the country with the child under color of law. Meanwhile, at the state court level, attorney Nieland prepared an Emergency Petition for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction against the child's mother. The next day, attorneys Nieland and Ochoa, went to court, fiercely argued the case and the plight of their client, and won. The judge ruled in their client's favor, granted the restraining order, and not only barred the child's mother from fleeing the State of Illinois and the country, but also demanded that the mother immediately turn possession of the child over to his father.

The court triumph, one of many in Leving's perpetual mission fighting for justice, was almost as gratifying as the reaction of their client to the news that his son would be staying in the United States with him, safe and sound.

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