28. Child Abduction

This chapter focuses on the issue of parental child abduction, i.e. the removal of children by a parent to another country without the permission of the other parent or the permission of the court. It looks at jurisdiction, in which circumstances removal may be lawful, passports, and port alerts. It examines the phenomenon of parental child abduction; the national and international law assisting parents seeking the return of a child; and the law and procedure relevant to preventing child abduction. Hague and non-Hague convention countries are also discussed, as well as what can be done if a child is abducted to a non-Hague convention country.

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