

§1775. Role of prosecutor

1. Action by prosecutor. In a case arising under this chapter or involving the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, the prosecutor may take any lawful action, including resorting to a proceeding under this subchapter or any other available civil proceeding to locate a child, obtain the return of a child or enforce a child custody determination if there is:

A. An existing child custody determination; [PL 1999, c. 486, §3 (NEW); PL 1999, c. 486, §6 (AFF).]

B. A request to do so from a court in a pending child custody proceeding; [PL 1999, c. 486, §3 (NEW); PL 1999, c. 486, §6 (AFF).]

C. A reasonable belief that a criminal statute has been violated; or [PL 1999, c. 486, §3 (NEW); PL 1999, c. 486, §6 (AFF).]

D. A reasonable belief that the child has been wrongfully removed or retained in violation of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. [PL 1999, c. 486, §3 (NEW); PL 1999, c. 486, §6 (AFF).]

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2. Prosecutor acts on behalf of court. A prosecutor acting under this section acts on behalf of the court and may not represent any party.

[PL 1999, c. 486, §3 (NEW); PL 1999, c. 486, §6 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1999, c. 486, §3 (NEW). PL 1999, c. 486, §6 (AFF).

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