

# THE HERO OF HOPE AND INSPIRATION

## CHICAGO STRONG

## ASK JEFFERY M. LEVING!

### The nation's top lawyer fighting for Fathers' Rights



**You've been battling against parental alienation for decades. What is that?** Parental alienation is when a parent badmouths the other parent to their children to destroy the relationship. For example: Your father doesn't love you, your father is a drunk and doesn't want to see you and cares only about his new family. Some consider this child abuse. They're often right.

**What can targeted parents do to protect their children?** I've represented many clients who've been subjected to parental alienation. When we strategically bring forth critical evidence, the consequences can be harsh for the parent who's acting badly. The court can take away the offending parent's time with the

children, for instance. If the court finds the offender in contempt, that parent can be incarcerated. I'm proud to have reunited fathers and children in horrific cases of parental alienation for four decades, while building futures for their children who would otherwise have none.

**Why would a parent do this?** I understand that divorcing parents can have problems with each other, but that's no excuse for abuse. Using children as pawns to gain leverage or revenge in divorce or post-divorce is unconscionable. If this is happening to you and your kids, you don't have to stand for it. Call me and I'll fight for you. Your kids deserve to be protected from this evil.

**How was your recent event that you co-chaired for Cook County judges seeking retention?**

It was, to my knowledge, the first virtual event in support of judges up for retention in Cook County history, and we had an excellent presentation via Zoom by Robert R. Thomas, the former chief justice of the Illinois Supreme Court and long-ago Bears field goal kicker. Doing something like this develops positive relationships in promoting justice among our colleagues.

**Do you have a question you would like to have answered by Chicago's Top Power attorney fighting for Fathers Rights?**

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#### CASE SPOTLIGHT

##### THE FACTS:

My client and the mother of his child separated and, records show, she took their elementary school-age son and moved over 100 miles away. My client feared he'd never see his son again. My legal team went to court and asked the judge to order the child returned to his father.

##### THE OUTCOME:

The court ordered that the boy be reunited with his father. The boy settled back into the only home he has ever known. The judge also ordered that the boy continue to attend the school he's accustomed to, in his father's school district. This dad is overjoyed to have his son back.

I continue to see situations where a relationship is dissolving, and the mother walks away with the kids, leaving dad discarded and dismissed. It's not true, and fathers don't have to stand for it. I'm glad we got this dad a great result.

#### DIVORCE

##### AN END AND A BEGINNING:

I've spent 40 years fighting for the rights of fathers, whether they're divorcing, divorced or never married. It's the right thing to do, and it's my work.

I'm also a matrimonial attorney, which is a fancy term for divorce lawyer. In a divorce, I protect clients' children and their rights as a father. I also protect their financial and property assets. An emotional divorce is difficult enough. Nobody wants to lose their home, their car, their savings, or their 401(k) or pension too, while being saddled with payments in the thousands every month for maintenance and child support to their ex, who's dating their employer or personal trainer. Some of this may happen automatically unless you have excellent legal representation.

If the time unfortunately has come for a divorce, you need a lawyer with the knowledge, experience and fight to get you the best outcome.