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Leving firm thwarts threat to take children away from dad forever

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Attorney Jeffery M. Leving has been advocating for fathers for 40 years and has made progress in terms of what the law is, and how judges decide cases involving paternal rights. But he still encounters mothers who think they alone own their children and can take them wherever they want, whenever they want, regardless of the wishes of the father.

He will talk about such a case on the Dads Rights Legal Hour, 9–10 a.m. CDT Saturday, June 27, on Power 92.3 FM modified for broadcast.

In this particular case, an unmarried couple had two children. They apparently split up, with dad and children moving to another state, where by all accounts they are living happily. The mother lives in yet another state and hasn't seen the children in person anytime this year, according to court documents. Now, she's threatening to drive to the father's home and take the children away to live with her permanently, according to court records.

The father was concerned that the mother's living situation is unstable, and that if the mother took the kids away, he may not ever see them again.

The Leving legal team got before a judge and presented this case as an emergency. There was no time to waste, because the mother could show up at any time and take the kids. "We argued the case, the judge heard our client's need and agreed with our request," Leving says. "We won! He gave dad and my firm a comprehensive victory: The court gave exclusive possession of the children to dad, and barred the mother from taking the children out of state."

Leving urges unmarried fathers who split with their children's mother to get their actual custody and parenting time in a court order. "If you split up with your baby mama, the time to get a court order for custody and parenting time is right away," Leving says. "Don't wait until there's an emergency. Don't wait until you're being screamed at on the doorstep. Do it as soon as possible, and it'll spare everyone a lot of grief — particularly the children."

Jeffery M. Leving is founder and president of the Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving Ltd., and is an advocate for the rights of fathers. He is the author of Fathers' Rights, Divorce Wars and How to be a Good Divorced Dad. To learn more about Jeffery M. Leving and his latest court victories, follow him on Twitter and Facebook.