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Father dispossessed of his children, and apparently alienated, gains their return to Illinois

A father had two little boys, ages 9 and 6. Unfortunately, he recently broke up with their mother.

Last summer, the mother took the children to her family's home in Mississippi. Dad thought they were on vacation, but when school started and they weren't back, he smelled trouble. In a panic, he called the Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving Ltd. in Chicago for help.

Attorney Jeffery M. Leving, founder and president of the firm and a leader in matrimonial and family law, will talk about the case on his weekly radio program, the Dads' Rights Legal Hour, 9-10 a.m. CST Saturday, Jan. 21 on Power 92.3 FM in Chicago.

According to court documents, the mother stated that she has decided to move to Mississippi permanently, with the children. Dad did not approve of this, because it means he would seldom see his little boys – if ever again.

"Furthermore, Dad said that when he was on Face Time with his boys, they asked him 'Daddy, why don't you love us? How come you don't want us?'" Leving says. "I fear this is a classic instance of parental alienation – where one parent badmouths the other parent to the children. It can harm the children irreversibly. It's very serious."

The Leving legal team brought this before a judge, who scheduled a hearing. The Leving team presented its evidence, including testimony from Dad, that these boys had lived their lives in Illinois until the mother took them away without Dad's consent.

"Our case on behalf of the father was overpowering, in my opinion, and the judge agreed," Leving says. "He found Dad's testimony to be more credible than the mother's. He ordered that the children were to be returned to Illinois and to stay here, and to be enrolled in school here. We won!"

Leving says this victory, modified for broadcast, is a relief for his client and his legal team. "This dad had a reasonable fear that he'd be removed from his children's lives," he says. "Now, they're back home in Illinois with their father, who has loved them since the day they were born."

*Jeffery M. Leving is founder and president of the [Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving Ltd.](#), and is a strong advocate. He is the author of *Fathers' Rights, Divorce Wars and How to be a Good Divorced Dad*, the latter of which was endorsed by President Obama and by Cardinal Francis E. George, then the archbishop of Chicago. To learn more about Leving and his latest court victories, follow him on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and view his videos on [You Tube](#).*

