



## Leving team wins court order to get dad's daughter enrolled in school

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One of the biggest dangers that many fathers fear their children can face, especially during or after divorce or separation, is abuse or neglect. Sometimes neglect is related to lack of food, clothing or medical care. Other times, neglect can take the form of educational neglect, the failure of a parent to provide for their child's basic educational needs.

This was the concern a caring father had after finding out that his ex failed to enroll their daughter in kindergarten, abandoning her education. Concerned about how this could affect his daughter's future, dad reached out to us for help. We fought for him and his daughter and won.

Chicago matrimonial attorney Jeffery Leving, President of the Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving Ltd. will talk about this important case and the impact of father absence on children academically on the Dads' Rights Legal Hour, 9-10 a.m. CST Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> on Power 92.3 FM. Fathers can never vanish from the social landscape. This is most important when it concerns their children's academics. The risk it creates is too great. For example, fatherless children are twice as likely to drop out of school and consistently score lower than the norm in reading and math tests. This show segment will be available for download on the Dads' Rights Legal Hour Spotify page on [dadsrights.com](https://dadsrights.com).

Dad's young daughter, who recently reached school age, should have started kindergarten last August but according to court documents, the child's mother repeatedly failed to enroll the child in school. The mother had promised many times to do it, but reportedly never got around to it. This was not only harmful to the little girl's education, but it could also have dangerous consequence for dad. If the little girl was not enrolled in school, legal action could be taken against both parents for failing to follow state requirements, which state, "Parents or legal guardians must ensure their child is enrolled and regularly attending school, whether public, private, or home-based...Schools may also engage law enforcement or social services if absences suggest neglect. IL State Board of Education."

Worried about his daughter's abandoned education and future, the concerned father immediately called attorney Jeffery Leving for help. Attorney Leving assured him the Leving legal team could help with this issue and all his custody concerns. The Leving team immediately went to court and fought for dad and his little girl. They won.

The Leving legal team felt that court intervention was necessary, as the mother had repeatedly promised dad that she would enroll the little girl in school only to break her word every time. The little girl was already behind in school, and it was crucial to immediately get her enrolled. When they presented the case to the judge, he agreed with the Leving team that this was an urgent and time sensitive issue, and he resolved it as they asked: ordering the mother to enroll the child in school immediately. The little girl is now in school, where she belongs.

This is an important court victory, modified for publication, that could have a huge impact on this little girl's future. Once a child falls behind in school, it can be difficult to catch up, and being behind in school can snowball into other serious problems. Not only did the Leving legal team's intervention in the courtroom protect this little girl, but it also helped alleviate a worried dad's concern over his daughter. This important victory will help build a better future for this young girl.

Matrimonial attorney [Jeffery M. Leving](#) is the recipient of the U.S. President's Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, the Illinois House of Representatives has honored Leving "for his work in safeguarding the rights of fathers and protecting the welfare of children and families in this State," and the Illinois Senate issued a proclamation recognizing his efforts on behalf of fathers.

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