

THE HAGUE CONVENTION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

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The Hague and Domestic Violence

The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction of 1980 created the International Child Abduction Remedies Act (ICARA), which was put into effect in the United States in 1988. This act established laws for how member states should handle international child abductions—one of the laws being that the child should be returned to their country of habitual residence. However, there are exceptions to this law if domestic violence is involved. For more information on domestic violence and the Hague Convention, visit the University of California-Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy's [website](#).

The Goldman School of Public Policy also has an additional [informational page](#) on the Hague and the ICARA specifically for victims of domestic violence.

The Hague Domestic Violence Project

The American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence has created a webinar series on the Hague Domestic Violence Project, which seeks to clearly establish child exposure to domestic violence as an exception to the otherwise required return of a child to his or her country of habitual residence. The American Bar Association has made materials from this webinar accessible to the public and they are available on its [website](#).

Additional Resources on the Hague Convention and Domestic Violence

Additionally, other advocacy groups have published information related to the Hague Convention and Domestic Violence. The international group, The Advocates for Human Rights, has published a piece on the Hague Convention and domestic violence on its [website](#), which includes a summary of a United States court outcome.