



## November Hot Tip

What is the best way to prevent a naturalized citizen from leaving the country with minor children?

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Perhaps you might consider tying up his assets here with a lis pendens or other potential lien imposition, making it much more unattractive financially for him to leave without exposing his assets. I have a similar situation currently where an Iranian, under the guise of a family vacation to Iran, divorced my client two days after they arrived there, and kept the child there. She has not been free to contact the child let alone have him return. He sold everything before he left except two parcels of real estate, and I have put a lien on them for jurisdiction and collection of a tort action I have brought. He has to choose. If he returns to defend, there is already an arrest warrant for him. If he does not, he loses the property. If it had been done before he left, he may have chosen not to leave. You should be able to get an ex parte order for him not to leave the jurisdiction or at least not with the child. Yes, he could leave easily and yes he can easily obtain another passport, especially for the child, and leave through Canada, but he would at least have a disincentive to do so.

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