

Jurisdictional Verification Package

Verification of Lawful Jurisdiction and Authority in Child Custody Removal

Purpose (One Paragraph)

This package is submitted to compel formal verification of lawful jurisdiction and authority in the removal of children from their families. It does not allege wrongdoing, request relief, initiate litigation, or propose new policy. It identifies the requirement that jurisdiction and authority be verified prior to any deprivation of parental custody and documents the absence of any publicly articulated verification standard. **The jurisdictional principle addressed here applies universally to any exercise of authority over a biological human being; this package addresses its application in child custody proceedings only.** All downstream proceedings are therefore conditional upon unresolved jurisdictional questions.

Question Presented

Where is the verified lawful basis establishing jurisdiction and authority for the removal of children from their families in child custody proceedings?

Binary Verification Questions (Yes/No Only)

The following questions require only a *yes* or *no* response. Narrative explanation, policy discussion, procedural description, or deferral does not constitute an answer. Any *yes* response must be accompanied by the cited instrument, determination, or verification record.

1. Prior to any deprivation of liberty, custody, control, confinement, or bodily autonomy, is lawful jurisdiction over the human being formally verified as a threshold matter?
Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Is there a documented, standardized verification process establishing jurisdiction before authority is exercised over a human being?
Yes ☐ No ☐
3. Does jurisdiction attach automatically by administrative classification, or must it be affirmatively established with evidence?
Automatic ☐ Verified ☐
4. Is authority ever lawfully exercised over a human being without a prior finding of verified jurisdiction?
Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Do emergency conditions eliminate the requirement to verify jurisdiction, or do they merely affect timing?
Eliminate ☐ Affect Timing Only ☐
6. Is there a publicly accessible record identifying the lawful source of jurisdiction relied upon in each exercise of authority over a human being?
Yes ☐ No ☐
7. Has any court adjudicated and affirmed, on the merits, that jurisdiction over a human being need not be verified prior to deprivation of liberty or custody?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Statement of Undisputed Facts

1. Removal of a child from parental custody constitutes a deprivation of fundamental rights.
2. Jurisdiction is a prerequisite to the lawful exercise of authority.
3. Authority exercised without jurisdiction is void as a matter of law.
4. Administrative practice does not substitute for jurisdictional verification.
5. No uniform public verification standard is articulated or disclosed.

Normative Verification Requirement

Under constitutional structure and fundamental principles of law, jurisdiction must be established before authority may be exercised over a child or family. Emergency conditions may

affect timing but do not eliminate the requirement of lawful jurisdiction. Absent verification, custody proceedings operate on assumption rather than authority.

Jurisdictional Consequence

If jurisdiction is not verified prior to removal, subsequent custody proceedings are administrative in nature and rest on unverified authority. This condition precedes and constrains courts, agencies, and legislatures alike. The issue is upstream of policy, discretion, and outcome.

Requested Action (Verification Only)

The receiving authority is requested to take one of the following actions:

1. Identify and provide the lawful instrument, standard, or verification record establishing jurisdiction and authority prior to child removal; or
2. Formally acknowledge that no such verified jurisdictional process exists.

No further action is requested.

Intended Recipients

This package is suitable for submission to:

- Courts exercising child custody authority
- Executive agencies responsible for child welfare and family services
- Legislative oversight bodies for inclusion in the permanent record

Closing Statement

This is a threshold verification inquiry. Until jurisdiction and authority are formally verified, all downstream custody determinations remain conditional. Clarification of this single point resolves uncertainty presently attributed to procedure, discretion, or emergency justification.