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The **Risk** of custody abduction to the Middle Eastern, Islamic countries can be understood as a function of **Likelihood** and **Remedy**. Abduction of a child to the Middle East is a too frequent occurrence; return of an abducted child, through the Islamic, Shari'a court system, has never been achieved.

UmHani Workshops and Presentations:

- **2007 Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California** - workshop presentation, Islamic Shari'a Contracts: Pre-Nuptials and Custody Protections. With: Elisa Kisselburg, Esq. Anaheim, California, September 28, 2007.
- **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 42nd Annual Conference** workshop presentation, International Custody Abduction to the Non-Hague, Islamic Countries: Risk Evaluation and Prevention. With: Attorney Frieda Gordon, and Mannal Radwan, Embassy of Saudi Arabia. Seattle, Washington. May 18-21, 2005.
- **California District Attorneys Association Training Seminar** – workshop presentation, After the Abduction. With: Elaine Tumonis, CA Deputy Attorney General, and Joan Christini, US Dept. of State. November 16, 2004.
- **2004 Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California** – workshop presentation, International Child Abduction. With: Elaine Tumonis, CA Deputy Attorney General; Glen Keiser, US Dept. of State; and, Mannal Radwan, Embassy of Saudi Arabia. October 8, 2004.
- **California State Bar Section Education Institute** – workshop presentation, International Custody Abduction. With: Elaine Tumonis, CA Deputy Attorney General, Bill Hilton, Family Law Specialist; and, Mannal Radwan, Embassy of Saudi Arabia. January 24, 2004.
- **2002 Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California** – workshop presentation, Predicting and Preventing Custody Abduction to the Islamic Middle East. With: Beth Payne, US Dept. of State, Elaine Tumonis, CA Deputy Attorney General, and Hani Ukayli. October 11, 2002.
- **CA District Attorneys Association Seminar** – ‘Advanced Child Abduction Seminar’ workshop presentation, International Parental Kidnapping. With: Bill Hilton, Family Law Specialist; Elaine Tumonis, CA Deputy Attorney General; and, Adiar Dyer, Former Head of the Permanent Bureau in the Hague. October 22-24, 2001

- **2001 Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California** – workshop presentation, International Custody Abduction into the Islamic World, Prevention and Prediction. September 7, 2001.
- **AFCC: “Do Great Work, See Great Works”** – Family Court and Community Professionals and Los Angeles County Superior Court Family Court Services, Workshop: Abduction into the Islamic World: Prediction and Prevention with Elaine Tumonis, J.D., Deputy Attorney General (presentation and proceedings). Lunch speaker: “Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia”, February 2-4, 2001.
- **Law.com “Kids and the Law: Juvenile Justice and Child Law Practice”** – Seminar Workshop: Children at Risk and International Custody Abduction. November 6-17, 2000.
- **2000 Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California** – workshop presentation, International Custody Abduction into the Islamic World. September 16, 2000.
- **US Department of State, Office of Children’s Issues** - contracted speaker to the Advanced Consular Course, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington, Virginia (1999, 2000).

Publications:

Uhlman, K., *Islamic Marriage Contracts*. **Family Law News**. State Bar of California Family Law Section, Issue 3, 2005. Vol. 27, No. 3, pp.9-26.

Uhlman, K., *Recognizing Risk of International Custody Abduction to the Non-Hague, Islamic Countries*. **Family Law News**, State Bar of California Family Law Section, Issue 4, 2004. Vol. 26, No. 4. pp.21-24.

Uhlman, K., *Overview of Shari’a and Prevalent Customs in Islamic Societies: Divorce and Child Custody*. 2004 **International Law / Family Law Winter Section Education Institute Publication**.

Also available at:

http://www.expertlaw.com/library/attyarticles/islamic_custody.html

Uhlman, K., *Custody Abduction Risk Factors Unique to the Islamic Countries*. **The California International Practitioner**, Journal of the International Law Section of the California State Bar. Vol. 11, No. 2, 2001-2002. pp.38-44.

Uhlman, K., *International Custody Abduction into the Islamic World*. **Association of Certified Family Law Specialists 'ACFLS' Newsletter**, Winter 2000, No. 4, pp. 11- 13.

Congressional Hearings:

- June 15, 1987 – House of Representatives: Committee on Foreign Affairs Hearing on Human Rights Violations against United States Citizens by the Government of Saudi Arabia
- September 22, 1981 – House of Representatives: Unified Child Custody Law Hearings on the Federal Bureau of Investigation involvement to intercept abducted children.

Media Coverage:

- **Houston Press**, 'Trial by Faith' Sept 12, 2002.
- **National Public Radio**. 'Here & Now' WBUR/Boston Aug. 29, 2002 interview by Robin Young 'Custody Abduction to Saudi Arabia'.
- **Washington Post**, December 24, 2000, International Custody Abduction.
- **Northwest Afternoon**, KOMOTV, Seattle, WA, October 12, 2000 'American Women Overseas and Domestic Violence'
- **Court TV**, The Johnnie Cochran Show, August 2, 1999 'International Custody Abduction, Legal challenges'
- **INSIDE EDITION**, July 9, 1996 'International Parental Abduction'
- **For the Love of a Child**, Betty Mahmood (with Arnold Dunchock) 1993, Saint Martins Press, New York, 336 pp. The story of my abducted children can be found on pages 50-55, hardcover edition.
- **Phil Donahue Show**, October 23, 1990: Saudi Arabia and the Gulf War, abducted children in the War Zone.

- **Phil Donahue Show**, January 7, 1988 w/ Betty Mahmoody, author of the book and movie, ***Not Without My Daughter***
- NPR, 1988; ABC, NBC, CBS, & CNN, USA TODAY, Chicago Tribune, Denver Post, and several UPI and United Feature Syndicate coverage

Other Affiliations:

- **Team HOPE** – National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) Washington DC. Support network for families with missing children. www.missingkids.org
- Senator Alan J. Dixon (Illinois) – efforts to support legislation addressing international custody abductions, 1987-1990, resulting in an Amendment to Title 18 of the U.S. Code to punish as a Federal Criminal Offense the Crime of International Parental Custody Abduction, January 23, 1990.
- **ONE WORLD: FOR CHILDREN** – Betty Mahmoody, Oswego, Michigan.

Selected Case Listing:

Expert Witness opinion on flight risk and risk of international custody abduction and the legal remedy available to left-behind parent if abduction to the Middle East occurs. Scope of testimony includes Islamic, Shari'a law as it relates to parent's and children's rights during divorce and custody disputes, and women's rights in Islamic societies.

- California, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Fresno, Central Division. Declaration and Trial Testimony / 2007
- California, Superior Court of the State of California, San Diego County – North County Division. Declaration and Trial Testimony / 2007
- Pennsylvania, Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County, Civil Division – Trial Testimony / 2007
- California, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles – Trial Testimony / 2007
- Florida, Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, Family Division – Deposition / 2006
- California, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Alameda – Trial Testimony / 2006

- California, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles – Trial Testimony / 2006
- California, Superior Court of the State of California, San Diego County – Deposition, Trial Testimony / 2005
- Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Asylum Office, Arlington, Virginia – Hearing Testimony / 2005
- Florida, Circuit Court of Hillsborough County, Family Law Division – Trial Testimony / 2005
- California, Superior Court of the State of California, Riverside County – Trial Testimony / 2004
- California, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles – Deposition and Trial Testimony / 2004
- California, Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Bernardino - Trial Testimony / 2003
- United States Department of Homeland Security Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services - Affidavit / 2003
- North Carolina, General Court of Justice, District Court Division, County of Orange – Trial Testimony / 2003
- New York, Family Court, County of Broome – Trial Testimony / 2002
- Texas, District Court of Harris County, 308th Judicial District – Trial Testimony / 2002
- New York, United States Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Office of the Immigration Judge – Affidavit / 2002
- Ohio, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, Summit County – Deposition / 2001
- Colorado, District Court, County of Adams – Expert Report, Trial Testimony / 2001
- South Carolina, County of Greenville, Family Court – Trial Testimony / 2001
- Virginia, Circuit Court of the County of Enrico – Trial Testimony / 2001
- Ohio, Butler Co. Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations – Trial Testimony / 2001
- Indiana, Vigo County Superior Court – Expert Report, Trial Testimony / 2000
- Wisconsin, Circuit Court, Family Court Branch, Crawford County – Trial Testimony / 2000
- Maryland, Circuit Court for Montgomery County – Expert Report, Trial Testimony / 2000
- Ohio, Court of Common Pleas, Lucas County – Affidavit, Expert Report, Deposition / 2000 – 2001, and Trial Testimony / 2007

- Virginia, Circuit Court, Fairfax County – Report on International Custody Abductions / 1999
- New Jersey, Superior Court, Chancery Division Hudson County – Risk Assessment, Trial Testimony / 1999
- Oregon, Clackamas County Circuit Court – Affidavit / 1999
- Illinois, Dupage County, Judicial Circuit Court – Affidavit / 1999
- Ohio, Court of Common Pleas, Medina County – Affidavit, Trial Testimony / 1998
- California, Santa Clara County, Family Division – Affidavit / 1998
- Michigan, Circuit Court, County of Washtenaw – Trial Testimony / 1998
- California, Marin County, Family Division – Trial Testimony / 1998
- Washington State Superior Court, Cowlitz County – Affidavit / 1998
- Florida, Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, Family Division – Deposition and Trial Testimony / 1998
- Oregon, Circuit Court, Clackamas County – Trial Testimony / 1997
- Tennessee, Circuit Court, Wilson County – Affidavit / 1996
- California, Yolo County, Family Division – Affidavit, Trial Testimony/ 1996