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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 24, 2013

TO: Family Division Judges
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cc: Court Administrators

FROM: Steven D. Capps

RE: Parenting Time Order Requirements on International Child Abduction

[Public Act 600 of 2012](#) amended [MCL 722.27a](#) to require that parenting time orders contain a prohibition on exercising parenting time in a nation that is not a party to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction unless both parents provide the court with written consent to allow parenting time in a nation that is not a party to this convention. Effective immediately, when entering parenting time orders, the court should assure that orders contain the required prohibition, or that both parents have provided the necessary written consent.

Courts need to update locally-developed forms that order parenting time (custody orders, parenting time orders, divorce judgments, etc.) to provide for this statutory change. SCAO-approved forms that order parenting time ([FOC 67](#) and [FOC 89](#)) were updated and contain the required provision.

If you need additional information, the Hague Convention on Private International Law maintains a website with information about the [convention on international child abduction](#) and its party nations, and the U.S. Department of State maintains an [International Parental Child Abduction webpage](#).

Judges or court staff with any questions about this memorandum may contact William J. Bartels at bartelsb@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-5975.