

**23-37,315. Role of prosecutor.** (UCCJEA 315). (a) In a case arising under this act or involving the Hague Convention on the civil aspects of international child abduction, the prosecutor may take any lawful action, including resort to a proceeding under K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 23-37,301 through 23-37,317, and amendments thereto, or any other available civil proceeding to locate a child, obtain the return of a child, or enforce a child-custody determination if there is:

- (1) An existing child-custody determination;
  - (2) a request to do so from a court in a pending child-custody proceeding;
  - (3) a reasonable belief that a criminal statute has been violated; or
  - (4) a reasonable belief that the child has been wrongfully removed or retained in violation of the Hague Convention on the civil aspects of international child abduction.
- (b) A prosecutor acting under this section acts on behalf of the court and may not represent any party.

**History:** L. 2000, ch. 171, § 67; July 1.