

Édeanna Barbirou has been researching the issue of Parental Child Abduction (PCA) since 2011, when her own children were parentally abducted to Tunisia. Having spent three years in Tunis to pursue her legal rights of custody and the right to return to the U.S. with her children, she developed tremendous working knowledge of international law, Tunisian law, and diplomacy and politics as they each pertain to PCA. Mrs. Barbirou returned to the U.S. in 2014 with her daughter, and continues to pursue the return of her illegally detained son.

She has presented to the staff of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children on the topic of resiliency in international PCA cases, and leads RUSH in the pursuit of greater awareness and research on the issue of PCA. Through her personal experience, research, and advocacy, she has developed a strong, and unique, expertise on the issue of PCA.