

Justice Charles Johnson

Supreme Court Rules Committee

c/o Clerk of the Supreme Court

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Olympia, WA 98504-0929

RE: Proposed JuCR 1.6 – Physical Restraints in the Courtroom

Dear Justice Johnson and Members of the Rules Committee:

My name is Colin Castenada. I am currently incarcerated at Green Hill School in Chehalis, Washington. Talking to my attorney shackled was a hassle because it was hard for me to sign papers with waist chains and cuffs. It was a distraction because I was nervous and was tapping my foot the whole time. When speaking with my attorney I didn't feel trusted. I felt that I was already convicted as guilty in my case because appearing in shackles in court I got degrading looks from other people in court. I also feel that judge thought of me as a troubled teenager because I was in shackles. It was also hard to step on the platform with shackles on.

Sincerely,
Colin Castenada