

*Justice Charles Johnson*

*Supreme Court Rules Committee*

*c/o Clerk of the Supreme Court*

*P.O. Box 40929*

*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 Solinuu Leae. I am currently incarcerated at Green Hill School in Chehalis, Washington. Being shackled, I felt like I was being held captive and I had no control over myself. I got the chance to experience the life of a modern day slave. My name became another number and I was labeled as state property. I felt being shackled was unnecessary because I got escorted by 2 armed officers from the holding to the court room. I felt like they put shackles on me to make myself look less presentable and extremely dangerous. It gives me an image that isn't mine. When I first got sentenced for my charge there were news reporters with cameras recording live footage and taking pictures. I then felt even more violated and mistreated. It made everything the prosecutor said seem true. They called me a threat to the state, a menace to society and a high risk felon. It gives the prosecutors side a plus advantage to win another case.

Sincerely,

Solinuu Leae