## 1 Rule 7-303. Truancy referrals.

2 Intent:

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- 3 To establish a uniform policy for handling truancy referrals.
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## 5 Applicability:

- 6 This rule shall apply to all truancy referrals made to the Juvenile Courts.
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## 8 Statement of the Rule:

- 9 (1) All truancy cases must be referred from the local school board or the school district and not from an
  10 individual school within the district.
- 11 (2) All truancy referrals must be accompanied by a statement, if required, alleging habitual truancy in
- 12 defiance of efforts of school authorities and parents and setting forth the results of the review conducted 13 at the school district level.
- 14 (3) If the above conditions are met, the probation department shall conduct a preliminary inquiry to
- 15 determine whether a non-judicial adjustment can be made. The filing of a petition and the use of detention
- 16 as a sanction for failure to attend school, even in contempt situations, should be avoided.

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