

1 **Rule 32. Initiation of ungovernability and runaway cases.**

2 (a) Proceedings involving a ~~minor~~child alleged to be beyond control of the ~~minor's~~ child's
3 parent, guardian or lawful custodian ~~or school authorities~~, or alleged to be a runaway, shall be
4 initiated by petition.

5 (b) A petition shall be accepted by the clerk only if it is filed by the Division of Child and Family
6 Services or a contract agency of the Division.

7 (c) The petition must allege the earnest and persistent efforts by the agency, the ~~minor's~~child's
8 out of control behavior, the behavior or other condition that endangers the ~~minor's~~child's welfare
9 or the welfare of others, and the actions taken which have failed to correct the behavior. In the
10 alternative, the allegations may be made by affidavit accompanying the petition.

11 Effective November 1, 2019