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Comment on Indiscriminate Shackling

Comment: For almost a decade, New Jersey had remained behind the national trend to end indiscriminate shackling of children in juvenile court. This rule ends this pointless practice of both hurting children and interfering with the fair process of court proceedings. For what it hopes to accomplish this rule is perfectly written. The major concern that remains is the treatment of children while in the holding cell and while being transported to and from the detention center. Shackling has the same negative and psychological impact on a child whether it is done is the courtroom or whether it is done in the holding cell. This rule only falls short in the way that it does not address the shackling of children before and after they go into the courtroom.

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