

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

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

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

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

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