

Draft Letter

October __, 2021

Justice Andrew J. McDonald
Chairman, Rules Committee of the Superior Court
Supreme Court
231 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Justice McDonald:

Attached hereto for consideration of the Rules Committee is a revision to Practice Book Section 35a-1(b) to remove the requirement that a plea of nolo contendere be in writing. The written requirement is burdensome and unnecessary, especially because a judge would still be required to give a thorough and proper canvas on a plea of nolo contendere. The Division of Public Defender Services has had an opportunity to consider this proposal and does not have an objection to it.

I respectfully request that you place this proposal on the next Rules Committee Agenda. Please let me know if I can answer any questions that you may have concerning this request.

Respectfully,

Dawne Westbrook,
Chief Administrative Judge, Juvenile Matters

cc: Hon. Patrick L. Carroll III, Chief Court Administrator
Hon. Elizabeth A. Bozzuto, Deputy Chief Court Administrator
Joseph J. DelCiampo, Counsel to the Rules Committee
Nancy Porter, Counsel, Legal Services

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