

**CHILDREN’S COURT
RULE 10-169
[REINSTATED AND AMENDED]**

**Supreme Court Approved
August 25, 2025**

10-169. Punitive contempt.

The children’s court shall hold an adult in direct or indirect punitive contempt of court only as provided by Rule 5-112 NMRA.

The children’s court shall not hold a child in direct or indirect punitive contempt of court. Nothing in this rule shall affect the authority of the children’s court to hold an adult or a child in remedial contempt of court.

[Approved by Supreme Court Order No. 17-8300-019, effective for all cases filed or pending on or after December 31, 2017; as reinstated and amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2025-00158, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after October 9, 2025.]

Committee commentary. — For a review of New Mexico law regarding remedial (civil) and punitive (criminal) contempt of court, see the committee commentary of Rule 5-112 NMRA. [Approved by Supreme Court Order No. 17-8300-019; as reinstated and amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2025-00158.]