

RECENT AND PENDING CASES CHALLENGING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT OF CHILDREN

CASE	DATE	CLAIMS BROUGHT	DESCRIPTION	RESULT
<p><i>Doe v. Hommrich</i>, Middle District of Tennessee</p> <p>No. 3-16-0799, 2017 WL 1091864 (M.D. Tenn. March 22, 2017) (mem.).</p>	<p>Filed 2016, preliminary injunction issued March 22, 2017</p>	<p>Conditions of confinement claims under the 8th and 14th Amendments</p>	<p>Class action against the Rutherford County Detention Facility. Plaintiffs emphasized the developmental vulnerabilities of adolescents and the international condemnation of solitary confinement of children.</p>	<p>District Court issued a preliminary injunction barring all solitary confinement of youth as punishment or discipline.</p>
<p><i>V.W. v. Conway</i>, Northern District of New York</p> <p>No. 9:16-CV-1150, 2017 WL 696808 (N.D.N.Y. Feb. 22, 2017).</p>	<p>Filed 2016, preliminary injunction issued on February 22, 2017</p>	<p>Conditions of confinement claims under the 8th and 14th Amendments</p> <p>IDEA claims on behalf of a subclass of youth with disabilities</p>	<p>Class action challenge to the Onondaga County Justice Center’s use of solitary confinement on 16- and 17-year-old inmates and detainees in adult facilities. Defendants include both the facility and the school district.</p>	<p>District Court concluded that punitive solitary confinement of youth violates the Eighth Amendment and that the failure to provide appropriate educational services violates the IDEA.</p>
<p><i>G.F. v. Contra Costa County</i>, Northern District of California</p> <p>http://dralegal.org/case/g-f-et-al-v-contra-costa-county-et-al/#files</p>	<p>Filed 2013, settlement reached in 2015.</p>	<p>Federal statutory claims under the IDEA, the ADA, and Section 504</p> <p>State education claims</p>	<p>This case challenged the use of solitary confinement and corresponding educational deprivations on behalf of a class consisting of all youth with disabilities detained at the facility.</p>	<p>Under the terms of the settlement, the county agreed not to “use room confinement for discipline, punishment, administrative convenience, retaliation, staffing shortages or reasons other than a temporary response to behavior that threatens immediate harm to the youth or others.”</p>

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<i>J.J. v. Litscher</i>, Western District of Wisconsin http://aclu-wi.org/issue/lincoln-hills-case	Filed January 2017	Conditions of confinement and excessive force claims under the 8th and 14th Amendments	Class action against two juvenile facilities challenging the widespread use of solitary confinement, mechanical restraints, pepper spray, and strip searches.
<i>Doe v. Grays Harbor County</i>, Western District of Washington http://www.stopsolitaryforkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Grays-Harbor-County-M.D.-Complaint-3-14-17.pdf	Filed March 2017	Conditions of confinement claims under the 8th and 14th Amendments	Individual case on behalf of a 16-year-old repeatedly held in solitary confinement.