

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

MAR 17 1997

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IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT OF SDCL)
15-24-3)

RULE 97-7

A hearing having been held on February 21, 1997, at Pierre, South Dakota, relating to the amendment of SDCL 15-24-3, and the Court having considered the proposed amendment, the correspondence and oral presentations relating thereto, if any, and being fully advised in the premises, now, therefore, it is ORDERED that SDCL 15-24-3 be and it is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

15-24-3. Order of causes on Supreme Court calendar -- Preference to appeals on adoption, abuse and neglect, suppression of evidence in criminal cases and cases involving public agencies. The Supreme Court shall direct the order in which causes shall be assigned on its calendar for hearing, except that preference in the assignment of causes for hearing shall be as follows:

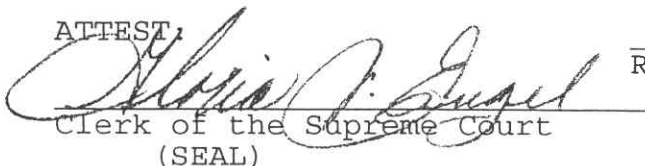
- (1) First preference shall be given to appeals taken of adoption or abuse and neglect judgments or orders, including judgments or orders terminating parental rights;
- (2) Second preference shall be given to appeals taken pursuant to § 23A-32-5;
- (3) Third preference shall be given whenever the state, any state board, or state officer; any county or municipal corporation, or any officer thereof; in a purely official capacity, shall be plaintiff or defendant in any action or proceeding, or directly interested therein.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this rule shall become effective July 1, 1997.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of March, 1997.

BY THE COURT:

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Supreme Court
(SEAL)


Robert A. Miller, Chief Justice