

**Rule 15-47. SDCL 19-19-614. Court's calling or  
examining  
a witness.**

**(a) Calling.** The court may call a witness on its own or at a party's request. Each party is entitled to cross-examine the witness.

**(b) Examining.** The court may examine a witness regardless of who calls the witness.

**(c) Objections.** A party may object to the court's calling or examining a witness either at that time or at the next opportunity when the jury is not present.