

**Rule 15-30. SDCL 19-19-408. Compromise offers and negotiations.**

**(a) Prohibited uses.** Evidence of the following is not admissible — on behalf of any party — either to prove or disprove the validity or amount of a disputed claim or to impeach by a prior inconsistent statement or a contradiction:

- (1)** furnishing, promising, or offering — or accepting,  
promising to accept, or offering to accept — a valuable consideration in compromising or attempting to compromise the claim; and
- (2)** conduct or a statement made during compromise negotiations about the claim — except when offered in a criminal case and when the negotiations related to a claim by a public office in the exercise of its regulatory, investigative, or enforcement authority.

**(b) Exceptions.** The court may admit this evidence for another purpose, such as proving a witness's bias or prejudice, negating a contention of undue delay, or proving an effort to obstruct a criminal investigation or prosecution.