



October 31, 2025

Ms. Caroline A. Srstka
Staff Attorney
SD Supreme Court/SCAO
Unified Judicial System
1501 S. Highline Ave., Suite B211
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

Dear Ms. Srstka,

Pursuant to SDCL 16-3-5.4, your rule proposal has been reviewed for form, style, and clarity in accordance with drafting standards established by the Supreme Court posted at uj.s.sd.gov. The suggested edits are enclosed for your consideration.

You are not required to accept the suggested edits. It is further noted that the Parenting Time Guidelines are subject to unique circumstances and oversight by the Commission on Parenting Time Guidelines. Some of the style and form suggestions may be outside the scope of the recommended changes to the Guidelines at this time but have nevertheless been suggested for consideration.

If you choose to revise your proposal, please return a revised, final rule proposal to the clerk of the Supreme Court meeting the requirements of SDCL 16-3-5.3 by **November 17, 2025**. Your revised proposal will be noticed for the February 11, 2026 rules hearing. Prior to the hearing, the Supreme Court will receive a copy of your initial submission, the suggested edits, and your revised proposal.

If you do not return a revised rule proposal by the date noted, your first submission is considered final, and it will be noticed for the February 11, 2026 rules hearing. Prior to the hearing, the Supreme Court will receive a copy of your submission and suggested edits.

These suggestions do not represent a position regarding the substantive merits of the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brigid C. Hoffman", is written over the typed name.

Brigid C. Hoffman
Chief of Legal Research