

Name	General Information	Crime and Trial	Legal Status	Current Counsel	Reported Opinions	Significant Legal Issues
Moeller, Donald E.	DOB: 03/21/1981 Race: White Gender: Male	* County of conviction: Lincoln * Number of counts: One * Race of Victims: White * Gender of Victims: Female * Date of crime: 05/08/1990 * Date of Sentencing: 06/05/1997	Current Proceedings: on appeal to the 8th Circuit	Julie Pitt Deborah Czuba	State v. Moeller, 548 N.W.2d 465 (S.D. 1996) (vacating conviction and sentence and remanding); State v. Moeller, 616 N.W.2d 424 (S.D. 2000) (affirming sentence and conviction); Moeller v. Weber, 689 N.W.2d 1 (S.D. 2004) (affirming denial of habeas corpus); Moeller v. Weber, 635 F.Supp.2d 1036 (D.S.D. 2009) (denying habeas corpus); Moeller v. Weber, 2009 WL 1286305 (D.S.D. May 07, 2009) (denying motion to amend judgment).	1. whether the state's "soil expert" testimony was admissible under Daubert, and state's undisclosed destruction of the soil itself, which questionably linked Mr. Moeller to the crime scene 2. whether the proportionality review conducted by South Dakota Supreme Court, which ignores death-eligible cases in which the death penalty is not imposed, is valid 3. whether the APO-B DNA evidence was admissible 4. whether trial counsel's refusal to participate in pretrial proceedings regarding DNA evidence, citing lack of time to prepare, constituted ineffective assistance 5. whether the trial judge's refusal to answer jurors' question on the meaning of "life without parole" violated due process
Piper, Briley** [death sentence vacated and remanded]	Race: White Gender: Male	* County of conviction: Lawrence * Number of counts: One * Race of Victims: White * Gender of Victims: Male * Date of crime: 03/13/2000 * Date of Sentencing: 01/19/2001	Current Proceedings: remanded for new sentencing proceeding	Steve Miller Steven Binger	State v. Piper, 709 N.W.2d 783 (S.D. 2006) (affirming sentence and conviction); Piper v. Weber, 771 N.W.2d 352 (S.D. 2009) (vacating the death sentence and remanding for a new sentencing proceeding).	1. whether there was a Brady violation stemming from early release of prison informant just four days after Mr. Piper was sentenced to death (informant had testified during the penalty phase that Mr. Piper had said he was planning to kill prison guards and escape) 2. whether Mr. Piper's plea, which was entered without a plea agreement, was valid
Rhines, Charles	Race: White Gender: Male	* County of conviction: Pennington * Number of counts: One * Race of Victims: White * Gender of Victims: Male * Date of crime: 03/08/1992 * Date of Sentencing: 01/29/1993	Current proceedings: habeas petition stayed in district court pending exhaustion of state habeas claims	Charles Rogers Neil Fulton Jana Miner	State v. Rhines, 548 N.W.2d 415 (S.D.) (affirming conviction and sentence), cert. denied, 519 U.S. 1013 (1996); Rhines v. Weber, 608 N.W.2d 303 (S.D. 2000) (affirming denial of state habeas corpus); Rhines v. Weber, 2002 WL 33969082 (D.S.D. July 3, 2002) (holding in abeyance writ of habeas corpus pending exhaustion of claims in state court); Rhines v. Weber, 346 F.3d 799 (8th Cir. 2003) (vacating district court's order and remanding to district court); Rhines v. Weber, 542 U.S. 936 (2004) (granting certiorari); Rhines v. Weber, 544 U.S. 269 (2005) (vacating and remanding to 8th circuit); Rhines v. Weber, 409 F.3d 982 (8th Cir. 2005) (remanding to	1. whether the South Dakota Supreme Court's affirmance of Mr. Rhines' death sentence is valid despite its holding that the "depravity of mind" aggravating circumstance is unconstitutional 2. whether trial counsels' investigation and presentation of mitigating evidence was adequate 3. whether the Miranda warnings given to Mr. Rhines before his incriminating statements to police were adequate