

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

**No. 2023-CC-01194**

**DOUGLAS BIENVENU, ET AL.**

**VS.**

**DEFENDANT 1 AND DEFENDANT 2 #87184**

**C/W**

**JOHN DOE, ET AL.**

**VS.**

**DEFENDANT 1 AND DEFENDANT 2 #87515**

On Supervisory Writ to the 16th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Martin

**Hughes, J., dissents and would deny rehearing.**

“All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal  
than others.” – Orwell

Adult rape victims? Holocaust survivors? Descendants of the enslaved?  
Which of these shall we favor?

As far back as the Code of Hammurabi (1750 BC), civilizations have provided  
time limits on legal claims as an essential element of fairness. Special interest  
exceptions are anathema to the broader and more important concept of Justice.  
Equal protection means equal.

Some victims of crime have teams of lawyers that proclaim, “The sky’s the  
limit.” Some die in the dark. Pray for them all.