Rule 5521. Preferences. (a) Preferences in the hearing of an appeal may be granted in the discretion of the court to which the appeal is taken.

(b) Consistent with the provisions of section one thousand one hundred twelve of the family court act, appeals from orders, judgments or decrees in proceedings brought pursuant to articles three, seven, ten and ten-A and parts one and two of article six of the family court act, and pursuant to sections three hundred fifty-eight-a, three hundred eighty-three-c, three hundred eighty-four, and three hundred eighty-four-b of the social services law, and pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision four and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision five of section eighty-nine of the public officers law, shall be given preference and may be brought on for argument on such terms and conditions as the court may direct without the necessity of a motion.