# **Application to Scottish Government for Funding for Legal Advice or to Instruct a Solicitor or Counsel or Expert Witness**

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| Safeguarder Name |  |
| Date request submitted |  |
| SCRA Ref number(s) |  |
| Date Safeguarder appointed |  |

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| Stage of case – what stage have proceedings reached?e.g. Grounds referred from Children’s Panel to Sheriff CourtProof hearing dates fixed at Sheriff CourtAppeal from decision of Children’s Panel to Sheriff Court |  |
| What is being requested?Legal advice or legal representation By Solicitor or CounselExpert Witness |  |

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| Reasons for RequestFull reasons as to why the employment of solicitor and/or counsel is considered appropriate. Please address the factors found in the Guidance for Legal Advice and Representation, and Expert Witnesses and include:* What aspect of the performance of my role can I not do without legal advice or representation and how will the advice or representation enable me to perform my role?
* A detailed explanation of the background and any complex, novel or unusual issues.
* A detailed explanation of the relevant circumstances that actually arise in the case, rather than a broad reference to the proceedings being complex, difficult or novel.

If requesting expert witness, please address the issues in Appendix D of the Guidance |
| ***Reasons for Request cont’d*** |