# **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 Court  Proof hearing dates fixed at Sheriff Court  Appeal from decision of Children’s Panel to Sheriff Court |  |
| What is being requested?  Legal advice or legal representation  By Solicitor or Counsel  Expert Witness |  |

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| Reasons for Request  Full 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*** |