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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2021 No. 468**

**Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Appeal Court Rules) 2021**

PART 2

GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 4

REPRESENTATION AND SUPPORT

**Lay support: functions, conditions and duties**

**4.6.**—(1) A lay supporter may assist a party by accompanying the party at hearings in court or in chambers.

(2) A lay supporter may, if authorised by the party, assist the party by—

- (a) providing moral support;
- (b) helping to manage court documents and other papers;
- (c) taking notes of the proceedings;
- (d) quietly advising on—
  - (i) points of law and procedure;
  - (ii) issues which the party litigant might wish to raise with the Court.

(3) A party may show any document (including a court document) or communicate any information about the proceedings to that party's lay supporter without contravening any prohibition or restriction on the disclosure of the document or information.

(4) Where a document or information is disclosed under paragraph (3), the lay supporter is subject to any prohibition or restriction on the disclosure in the same way that the party is.

(5) A lay supporter must not receive, directly or indirectly, from the party any remuneration or other reward for assisting the party.

(6) Any expenses incurred by a party in connection with a lay supporter are not recoverable expenses in the proceedings.