Lawyer for Child Application and Statutory Declaration

In each Court there will be a list of counsel who are available to accept assignments from the Court under the Family Proceedings Act 1980, Care of Children Act 2004, Property (Relationships) Act 1976, Children Young Persons and their Families Act 1989, and Domestic Violence Act 1995. The appointment is the responsibility of the Court. The Ministry of Justice, the Family Law Section of the New Zealand Law Society and the Principal Family Court Judge have agreed to the following criteria for appointment.

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| Firm / Postal address: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Fax number: | ( ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Email address: |  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Please provide a copy of your current practising certificate |  |
| Have you practised in the Family Court for a minimum of 5 years? | ** Yes**** No** |
| Please state how many years experience you have in the Family Court. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Do you have experience in running defended cases in the Family Court? *Please detail experience* |
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| Do you have experience in working with children? Have you attended any relevant training/courses? *Please provide details*.

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| Do you agree to abide by the ”FLS Best Practice Guidelines” for Lawyer for Child’ issued by the New Zealand Law Society and the *Practice Note*: Lawyer for child: Selection, Appointment and Other Matters issued by the Principal Family Court Judge? |  **yes** no |
| Area/Court for appointment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
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| Do you have any other relevant information/qualifications that you wish to provide?

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| **Names and contact details of two referees:***(referees will be asked to provide professional, confidential comment)* | (1) |
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| Application completed by: | Name: |
|  | Signature: |
|  | Date: |

**The forms should be submitted to the Registrar in the court region where you wish to practise.**

**The Registrar will convene a panel to consider your application. This panel will usually consist of a Family Court Co-ordinator, two nominees from NZ Law Society’s Family Law Section and a Family Court Judge nominated by the Regional Administrative Family Court Judge (Administrative Judge).**

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| **STATUTORY DECLARATION** |
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|  | **I have not been the subject of any disciplinary action by any former District Law Society or by the Lawyers Complaints Service or an equivalent overseas body OR** |
|  | **I have been subject to disciplinary action by a District Law Society or by the Lawyers Complaints Service or an equivalent overseas body.****AND/OR****I have had a complaint upheld against me regarding my professional conduct as a lawyer.** **The details of the disciplinary action and/or complaint are as follows:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**AND/OR****I am currently the subject of an unresolved complaint:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **I understand and accept that I need to notify the panel and/or Administrative Judge if I become subject to any disciplinary action and/or complaint in my role as a legal practitioner.**  |
| **I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.** |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*Signature* | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*Signature and name of person authorised to take statutory declaration* |
| Declared at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_this\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |