### SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2015 No. 356

## Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Appeal Court Rules) 2015

## PART 2

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### CHAPTER 4

#### REPRESENTATION AND SUPPORT

#### Lay support: applications

**4.5.**—(1) A party litigant may apply to the Court for permission for a named person to assist the party litigant in the conduct of proceedings, and such a person is to be known as a lay supporter.

- (2) An application is to be made by motion.
- (3) The Court may refuse an application only if it is of the opinion that—
  - (a) the named person is an unsuitable person to act as a lay supporter (whether generally or in the proceedings concerned); or
  - (b) it would be contrary to the efficient administration of justice to grant it.

(4) The Court, if satisfied that it would be contrary to the efficient administration of justice for permission to continue, may withdraw permission—

- (a) of its own accord;
- (b) on the motion of any party.