**Application for case support**

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| **Applicant Information** |
| **First Name**: |
| **Last Name**: |
| **Street Address**: |
| **City**: |
| **Postal Code**: |
| **Country**: |
| **Email Address**: |
| **Telephone**: |
| **Other Contact (if preferred)**: |
| **What is your relationship to the journalist/media outlet/blogger in need of support**?  Choose an item. |
| **How did you hear about Media Defence**? |
| **Have you applied to Media Defence for support before**? Choose an item. |
| **About the Journalist/ Fact-cheker/Media Outlet/Blogger** |
| **Name of journalist/fact-checker/blogger/media outlet**: |
| **Country**: |
| **Email Address of journalist/fact-checker/blogger/media outlet**: |
| **What is the gender of the journalist/blogger**?  Choose an item. |
| **Is the person concerned currently being held in detention (police station, jail or other place of detention)**?  Choose an item. |
| **If yes, please state where**: |
| **Is the journalist, fact-checker, media outlet or blogger currently able to report/publish**?  Choose an item. |
| **If the journalist/ fact-checker involved works for a media outlet or has their own blog, please provide the name and/or link here**: |
| **If the request concerns a case brought by the journalist: do you think there is a personal risk for the journalist to pursue this case?** |
| **About the Legal Issue** |
| **Facts of the case/legal issue** *(please provide details of how the case began and the nature of the charges in question. Be sure to make the connection between their journalistic work and the legal issue clear)* |
| **Please provide a timeline of key events** *(please include date of relevant publications, charge dates, court dates and other key events)* |
| **Does the legal issue relate to any form of identity-based discrimination**? *(this could include the content of the article, the identity of the journalist, or the way they have been targeted)*  Choose an item. |
| **What type of media content does the legal issue relate to**? Choose an item. |
| **Are there any current legal proceedings**? Choose an item. |
| **If yes, please select the type of legal proceedings**: Choose an item. |
| **The charge number or case number / court reference**: |
| **Position (of journalist/blogger/media outlet) in Legal Action**: Choose an item. |
| **Level of court**: Choose an item. |
| **In what country is the legal action taking place**? |
| **Court Location**: |
| **Is there anything that needs to be done immediately**? *(for example, has a court or tribunal ordered you to take a particular action by a certain date? Are there any limitation dates, filing deadlines, etc. that you are aware of?)*Choose an item. |
| **If yes, please detail**: |
| **Next Court Date**: |
| **What penalty or sanctions may be imposed if the case is lost**? Choose an item. |
| **About the Lawyer** |
| **Do you have a lawyer**?Choose an item. |
| **First Name**: |
| **Last Name**: |
| **What is the gender of the lawyer**? Choose an item. |
| **Bar registration number:** |
| **Address**: |
| **Email Address**: |
| **Telephone**: |
| **Other Contact (if preferred)**: |
| **Why have you chosen this lawyer**? |
| **Do you think the lawyer is taking a risk by agreeing to work on this case? If yes, why?** |
| **About the Request** |
| **Type of support requested**: Choose an item. |
| **How much do you expect the litigation to cost**? *(please state in GBP)* |
| **How much are you requesting from Media Defence**? *(please state in GBP. Note Media Defence only covers direct litigation costs, i.e. lawyer’s fees, filing fees, and other directly associated costs. Please, be as detailed as possible about how it has been calculated and what it will cover)* |
| **Have you sought assistance from any other organisation in relation to this matter**?  Choose an item. |
| **If yes, please provide the name of the organisation(s) as well as their country and status of support requested**: |
| **What other options are available to you to cover the legal fees**? |
| **Budget Breakdown** *(please state in GBP)*  **Estimated Legal Fees**:  **Estimated Filing Fees**:  **Other costs (please specify below)**: |
| **Specify ‘Other’ costs**: |
| **Media Defence can only release the fund on a bank account (no cash transfer), preferably to the lawyer directly. Do you foresee any issues with this process?** |
| **Contractual Terms & Conditions** |
| I authorise the Media Defence to:   * Request, transfer and receive personal and financial information and documentation in relation to me for the purpose of assessing my eligibility for assistance and providing assistance, without waiving legal professional privilege * Discuss my case with, and disclose any personal or financial information of documentation provided by me to the Media Defence, any lawyer or organisation or relevant third parties for the purpose of assessing my eligibility for assistance and providing assistance   I undertake to notify the Media Defence of any change in my financial circumstances; notify Media Defence of any change in my address; notify the Media Defence of any new matter which might affect my case and provide any additional information requested by the Media Defence.  I declare that the information in this application form and its supporting documentation is true and correct. |
| To process your grant application, we will require personal information from you and information related to your case. With your agreement we may also share your legal/case information with external lawyers who act in your case. You may decline to provide this information, however, this may make it impossible for us to deliver legal or financial support to you. Grant applications are processed through a third party, ‘Odoo’. Their privacy policy is available here: <https://www.odoo.com/privacy> If your application is successful; we will ask you for financial information as may be necessary for the purposes of processing the grant. This information will be shared with Media Defence’s banks and financial service providers (for international payments) so that they can carry out the transfer. These institutions may use information about you for the purpose of processing the payment, and for preventing, detecting and prosecuting financial crime and the funding of terrorism. For more information, please see Media Defence’s privacy policyhttps://www.mediadefence.org/privacy-policy |
| **I agree to the above stated terms and conditions**: Choose an item. |
| **Attachments** |
| **Documents Required**  Please list any published material or broadcasts which have been quoted in the case, and any relevant legal documents.   * We require a copy of the signed power of attorney (if you have a lawyer) * Please send a copy of any published article that has been cited in the case. If the case relates to broadcast journalism, please send a recording, or a transcript of the relevant item, if you can obtain one. * Please send copies of any key legal documents, for example, the charge sheet or claim form, defence lawyers’ submissions, or judgment.   Please do not delay returning this application form if you do not have already have copies of these documents. However, you should forward them to us as soon as you can.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Date of Document** | **Type of Document** | **Is a copy attached to this application? If not, indicate when you will be able to provide it.** | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |