

RFED Engagement & Deliverable Guide

What to expect before commissioning an independent fiduciary evidence review.

How commissioning works

1. Send a non-confidential written question and identify your professional role.
- 2. Aperture checks engagement authority, conflicts, jurisdiction, accessible records and delivery capacity.
- 3. Receive a written, fixed-scope proposal that identifies exact costs and exclusions.
- 4. Approve the written terms before any research, payment request or confidential transfer.

What the normal deliverable includes

Decision question and factual scope.

- Chronology, source register and claim-to-evidence matrix.
- Contradiction and unresolved-issue log.
- Short decision-relevant summary and suggested documents to seek from authorised parties.

What it does not include

No title or asset-ownership legal opinion; no financial audit or recovery valuation.

- No court representation, fiduciary appointment, legal strategy or statutory calendar management.
- No guarantee a registry search can obtain sealed, privileged or non-public records.

Commercial conditions

Any published fee is indicative until approved in the written matter-specific proposal.

- Third-party document fees, urgent turnaround, complex source access and expanded entity counts are scoped separately.
- Payment timing, revision entitlement, source-cutoff date and retention terms are written into the engagement.

Who coordinates the work

Paul Hattingh: research direction, evidence quality and final human review.

- Xandro Hattingh: written client coordination, scope communication and follow-up.
- All initial communication is electronic; a meeting is not a prerequisite.



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