

**An Coimisiún um  
Cheapacháin Bhreithiúnacha**  
Judicial Appointments Commission



**OFFICE OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
**(FOR JUDICIAL APPLICANTS)**

**1. Personal Information**

Title

Surname

Forename

Date of Birth

Passport sized coloured photograph (taken within the last twelve months)

Contact Details

Phone (Including Prefix)

Email Address

Personal /Professional address



Referee

1. Name, role, email address, relationship to applicant

## **2. Professional Experience**

Please provide the main details of your professional career experience in the last 15 years starting with **your current or most recent employment or experience**, indicating the main responsibilities and achievements of each role, with particular emphasis on your judicial experience.

Provide also details of other roles outside your normal work, which may be relevant to the role of a Circuit Court Judge, for example active public service, board membership, voluntary work, community involvement.

*Professional Experience Total Word count Limit 500*

*Voluntary Organisation Total Word count Limit 200*

*Self-Employment*

Date From

Date To

Position

Type of work involved

What percentage of your experience as a judge involves the following:



- Criminal
- Family Law
- Commercial
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- Regulatory prosecutions
- Employment Law
- Mental Health/ Assisted Decision Making
- Other (please identify area of practice)

What percentage of your practice or legal academic work prior to your appointment as a judge involved the following:

- Criminal
- Family Law
- Commercial
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- Regulatory prosecutions
- Employment Law
- Mental Health/ Assisted Decision Making
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- Other (please identify area of practice)

### 3. **Earnings**

Personal income declared on tax return from judicial salary, legal practice or legal academic work. (Please indicate)

*You may be requested to provide an Accountant's certificate to verify this information.*

Last Accounting Year

Second Last Accounting year

Third Last Accounting Year



Are there any comments you wish to make in relation to earnings?

#### **4. Education**

##### **Third Level education**

(include date(s) obtained)

##### **Post-graduate education**

(include date(s) obtained)

##### **Diploma(s)/Certificate(s)**

Provide details

##### **Details of Legal Publications written or edited.**

##### **Professional Training relevant to the role of a judge**

Provide details of all judicial training attended by you in the past two calendar years, and indicate whether you attended as a participant or a trainer.

The Judicial Council may be asked to confirm the details provided.

#### **5. Profession**

Please complete the section applicable to your application

##### **Barrister**

Month and year of call to the Bar



Silk taken, year

(if applicable)

### **Solicitor**

Month and year of qualification

### **6. Irish Language Skills**

Can you conduct a case in Irish?

Can you understand evidence given in Irish?

### **7. Becoming a Judge**

Please indicate why you are applying to become a Judge of the Circuit Court.

Word count: 300

### **8. Suitability for Judicial Appointment**

With reference to the Indicative Statement of Requisite Knowledge, Skills and Attributes describe, giving examples, the three most relevant areas of knowledge and experience which you possess for the role of judge of the Circuit Court, including your knowledge of the procedures of the Circuit Court and relevant professional education and training.

Word count limit: 200

With reference to the Indicative Statement of Requisite Knowledge, Skills and Attributes describe, giving examples, the three most relevant skills which you possess for the role of a judge of the Circuit Court.

Word count limit: 200



With reference to the Indicative Statement of Requisite Knowledge, Skills and Attributes describe, giving examples, the three most relevant attributes and characteristics that make you suitable to serve as a judge of the Circuit Court.

Word count limit: 200 Words

Please set out here any other matters which you consider relevant to your application.

Word Count: 200 words

### **9. Character Profile**

Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offence (other than a minor road traffic offence carrying a maximum sentence on conviction of a fine of €1000 or less)?

Have you any criminal proceedings pending against you?

Have you ever been adjudged bankrupt, made a composition with your creditors, or been sued to judgment for any debt, or are any such proceedings pending?

Have you ever had proceedings brought against you, or paid a penalty, or made a composition in respect of failure to pay, or any other default relating to VAT or any other form of tax or are any such proceedings pending?

Have you ever had an action brought against you (or in the case of a solicitor against your firm) in respect of a matter involving you personally (or under your supervision) for professional negligence without the matter being dismissed or are any such proceedings pending?

Are you, or have you ever been, the subject of an admissible complaint to the Judicial Conduct Committee without the matter having been dismissed or are any such proceedings pending? If so, please give details.



Are you aware of anything in your private or professional life, including your social media profile or any social media activity, which would be in conflict with the duties and responsibilities of a judge or could bring the administration of justice into disrepute?

## **10. Health**

I confirm that there is no reason connected with my health that would prevent me from performing the functions connected with Judicial Office and I confirm that I will complete a Self-Declaration Health Questionnaire for review by an Occupational Health physician and co-operate with any follow-up as required.

Please provide your Doctor's name and address

*Name*

*Address*

## **11. Formal Declaration**

I wish to be considered for judicial appointment

- a. I am a judge eligible for appointment to the Circuit Court.
- b. I have read the provisions of the Judicial Appointments Commission Act 2023 and I believe that I am qualified to be recommended by the Commission.
- c. I undertake to take such courses of training and education as may be required by the Chief Justice or President of the Circuit Court should I be appointed.
- d. I undertake to take annual leave on a rostered basis as required by the Chief Justice or President of the Circuit Court.
- e. I undertake to sit in any circuit court venue as required by the President of the Circuit Court.



f. In matters of a non-judicial nature relating to the code of conduct and to the administration of court services in the interest of efficiency, I will comply with the requests of Chief Justice or President of the Circuit Court.

g. I will provide if requested detailed information from treating clinical professional and attend a review with an Occupational Health Physician.

h. I understand that further enquiries may be undertaken for medical checks and I undertake to co-operate fully with these enquiries, including attendance at a medical examination.

i. I understand that further enquiries may be undertaken through background checks which may include, but are not limited to, social media platforms. I undertake to co-operate fully with these enquiries, including the provision of details of all social media accounts.

j. I state that all my Tax and Revenue affairs are up to date and enclose herewith a Tax Clearance Certificate in accordance with the Standards in Public Office Act 2001 (as amended).

k. I declare that all the information which I have provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

l. I have read the 'Candidate Information Booklet: Office of Judge of the Circuit Court 2025'.

m. I have obtained the consent of my referee to the provision of their personal data to the Judicial Appointments Commission so that they may be contacted in order to provide a reference.

n. I understand that my reference will be treated as confidential between the referee and the Commission.

## **12. Documents Required**



Please upload the following documents in the boxes below:

Statutory Declaration

Tax Clearance Certificate

EXAMPLE ONLY