

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



* This is the application form to be used by serving Judges.

Personal Information

- Date of Birth
- Passport sized coloured photograph (taken within the last twelve months)

Title *

Surname *

Forename *

Date of Birth *

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

Contact Details

Home Phone (Including Prefix)

Work Phone (Including Prefix)

Mobile Phone *

Email Address *

Name of Firm or Academic Establishment

(if applicable)

Personal address

Professional address

Please indicate which address is to be used for correspondence

*

References

For serving judges, the Commission will require one reference, which should address the suitability of the candidate for the office of Judge of the High Court. In respect of the application of a serving judge, the Commission may consult with their President.

The Commission places considerable emphasis on the provision of references.

Please consult the High Court Information Booklet for the relevant details of the updated reference process.

I understand that my references will be treated as confidential between the referees and the Commission. *

I have obtained the consent of the referees to the provision of their personal data to the Judicial Appointments Commission so that they may be contacted in order to

Title

First Name

Last Name

Email

Mobile

Relationship

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 experience (maximum of 5), indicating the main responsibilities and achievements of each role, with particular emphasis on any quasi-judicial experience you may have.

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

Please detail your employment experience starting with your current or most recent (maximum of 5).

Professional Experience

Total Wordcount 500

Voluntary Organisation

Total Wordcount 200

Self Employment

Date From

Date From

Date To

Date From

Position

Type of work involved

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

Criminal

Family Law

Commerical

Chancery

Regulatory prosecutions

Asylum & Immigration

Judicial Review

Planning & Environment

Extradition & EAW

Bail

Other

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

Criminal

Family Law

Commercial

Chancery

Regulatory prosecutions

Asylum & Immigration

Judicial Review

Planning & Environment

Extradition & EAW

Bail

Other (please identify area of practice)

Earnings

Personal income declared on tax return from legal practice or legal academic work.

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

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

Legal Practice or Legal Academic Work

Last Accounting Year *

Third Last Accounting Year *

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

Education

Post-graduate education

(include date(s) obtained)

Third Level education

(include date(s) obtained)

*

Diploma(s)/Certificate(s)

Provide details

Details of any Legal Publications either 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.

HC Profession

Serving Judges

Please state the month and year of your appointment and to which Jurisdiction

Month and year

Please give details of 3 sample judgments, rulings, if applicable.

Barrister

Month and year of call to the Bar

Silk taken, year

(if applicable)

Solicitor

Month and year of qualification

Irish Language Skills

Can you conduct a case in Irish? *

Can you understand evidence given in Irish? *

HC Becoming a Judge

Becoming a Judge

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

Word count limit: 300

HC Suitability for Judicial Appointment

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 High Court, including your knowledge of the procedures of the High 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 High 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 High Court .

Word count limit: 200

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

Word count limit : 200

HC 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 still 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?

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 Questionnaire for review by an Occupational Health Physician and co-operate with any follow up as required. *

You may be asked to provide a medical certificate or to attend a medical examination.

Please provide your Doctor's name and address

Name *

Address *

Formal Declaration

I wish to be considered for judicial appointment

a. I am a judge eligible for appointment to the High 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 High 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 High Court.

e. I undertake to sit in any court as required by the Chief Justice or President of the High 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 High 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 for social media checks and 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 High 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.

Please upload the following documents and items required in the boxes below:

Statutory Declaration

Tax Clearance Certificate

Signature

Statutory Declaration File

Tax Clearance Certificate File

Formal Declaration Date *

Formal Declaration Date

e-Sign: Full Legal Name *

Signature Upload File upload field