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Application for appointment to the Office of Judge of the Circuit Court

SECTION 1

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname	
Forename	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please provide details of your career to date, commencing with your most recent experience, indicating the main responsibilities and achievements of each role.

Professional Experience	Period of Employment	Position and type of work involved
	From – To (dd/mm/yy)	
Please provide details of any judicial or quasi-judicial experience that you may have		

What percentage of your legal practice or legal academic work or judicial work involves the following:	
a) Criminal	
b) Civil law (including matters such as contract or personal injury cases)	
c) Commercial	
d) Family Law	
e) Regulatory prosecutions	
f) Employment Law	
g) Mental Health / Assisted Decision Making	
h) Other (please identify area of practice)	

EARNINGS

Personal income as declared on your tax return from legal practice or legal academic work or judicial role.

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

	Below €50,000	€50,000- €100,000	€100,000- €150,000	€150,000- €200,000	€200,000- €300,000	€300,000 - €500,000	Over €500, 000
Last Accounting Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Second Last Accounting Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Third Last Accounting Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

REFERENCES

References for applicants
<p>For lawyers and academics, please name three referees and provide email addresses for each.</p> <p>For serving judges, the Commission will require one reference, which should address the suitability of the candidate for the office of Judge of the Circuit Court. In respect of the application of a serving judge, the Commission may consult with their President.</p> <p>References must be completed online by each referee, who will be contacted by the Commission directly through email on submission of your application.</p> <p>The Commission places considerable emphasis on the provision of references.</p> <p>Please see Guidance on References (provided separately)</p>
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SECTION 2

CONTACT DETAILS

Contact Details	
Work Phone (including prefix)	Home Phone (including prefix)
Mobile Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Personal Address	

Name of Firm or Academic Establishment (if applicable)			
Professional Address			
Please indicate which address is to be used for correspondence			
Personal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional	<input type="checkbox"/>

EDUCATIONAL DETAILS

Post-graduate education (include date(s) obtained)	
Third Level education (include date(s) obtained)	
Diploma(s)/Certificate(s) Recent Training Provide details of all relevant CPD Courses and Training, including judicial training, attended by you in the past 2 calendar years. You may be requested to produce Certificates of Attendance.	

LEGAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Mark appropriate boxes									
Senior Counsel		Barrister		Solicitor		Legal Academic		Serving Judge	
Barrister									
Month and year of call to the Bar									
Silk taken, year (if applicable)									
Are you a member of the Law Library?					Yes		No		
If no, have you submitted to the jurisdiction of the Bar Council in accordance with the Regulations of the Bar Council and the Rules of the Honourable Society of the Kings Inns?					Yes		No		
Solicitor									
Month and year of qualification									
Are you currently on the roll of Solicitors?					Yes		No		
Do you hold a Practising Certificate? If no, why not?					Yes		No		

<p>Legal Academic / Head of Faculty</p> <p>Are you a permanent member of an educational establishment qualified under section 45A of the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961?</p>	Yes	No
<p>Have you practiced as a solicitor or barrister for a continuous period of at least 4 years?</p> <p>(Please indicate as appropriate)</p> <p>Please state the years of the continuous period of at least four years practice as a solicitor or barrister</p>	Solicitor Yes	Solicitor No
	Barrister Yes	Barrister No
<p>Legal Academic / Head of Faculty - Barrister</p> <p>Month and year of call to the Bar</p>		
<p>Are you a member of the Law Library?</p>	Yes	No
<p>If no, have you submitted to the jurisdiction of the Bar Council in accordance with the Regulations of the Bar Council and the Rules of the Honourable Society of the Kings Inns?</p>	Yes	No
<p>Legal Academic / Head of Faculty - Solicitor</p> <p>Month and year of qualification</p>		
<p>Do you hold a Practising Certificate?</p>	Yes	No
<p>If no, why not?</p>		
<p>Serving Judge</p> <p>Month and year of appointment</p> <p>Jurisdiction</p>		



Provide details of roles outside your normal work, for example active public service, board membership, voluntary work, community involvement if any.

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All Practitioners

Details of Legal Publications written or edited

Serving Judges

Details of 3 sample judgments, rulings or legal publications, if applicable

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Please inform the Commission in writing of any change in your employment status.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Can you conduct a case in Irish?	Yes	No
Can you understand evidence given in Irish?	Yes	No

HEALTH

Health		
I confirm that there is no reason connected with my health that would prevent me from performing the functions connected with Judicial Office	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You may be asked to provide a medical certificate or to attend a medical examination prior to appointment. Please provide your doctor's name and address		
Name		
Address		

SECTION 3

CHARACTER PROFILE

(Please answer all questions)

Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offence (other than a minor road traffic offence carrying a	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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<p>maximum sentence on conviction of a fine of €1000 or less).</p> <p>If yes provide details in the space below including dates and amount of any fine or penalty imposed.</p> <p>Have you any criminal proceedings pending against you? If yes provide details in the space below.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>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?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details in the space below, including dates</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>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?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details in the space below, including dates</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>As a serving judge, has any complaint against you ever been referred to a panel of inquiry under Part 5, Chapter 5 of the Judicial Council Act 2019?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details in the space below, including dates</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>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?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details in the space below, including dates</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Are you, or have you ever been, subject to the disciplinary process of the Law Society of Ireland and/or the Bar of Ireland and/or the Legal Services Regulatory Authority in respect of a matter involving you personally or under your supervision (including the Bar's, the Law Society's and the LSRA's procedures in respect of inadequate professional services or "shoddy work") without the matter having been dismissed or are any such proceedings pending?</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>If yes, please provide details in the space below, including dates</p>	
<p>Have you ever been notified by the Law Society of Ireland and/or the Bar of Ireland and/or the Legal Services Regulatory Authority of any complaint pending against you?</p> <p>(Including matters which are in substance in the nature of a complaint whether or not the expression “complaint” has been used in the applicable notification)</p> <p>If yes, please provide details in the space below, including dates and the nature of such complaint(s)</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Are you aware of anything in your private or professional life which would be in conflict with the duties and responsibilities of a judge?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details in the space below</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>

SECTION 4

BECOMING A JUDGE

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

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SECTION 5

SUITABILITY FOR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

1.

With reference to the Indicative Statement of Requisite Knowledge, Skills and Attributes describe, giving examples, your knowledge and experience, including your knowledge of the procedures of the Circuit Court and relevant professional education and training. Include details of the courts in which you have practiced or served and indicate the relevant time period of your practical experience

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2.

With reference to the Indicative Statement of Requisite Knowledge, Skills and Attributes describe, giving examples, your relevant skills, including the capacity to apply your knowledge and experience, both of law and procedure, to achieve a just outcome in accordance with law. Include references to your communication skills, particularly in group situations.

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3.

With reference to the Indicative Statement of Requisite Knowledge, Skills and Attributes describe, giving examples, the qualities and characteristics that make you suitable to serve as a judge of the Circuit Court. Include examples relevant to the qualities of independence, integrity, diligence and a commitment to the fair and impartial application of the law.

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Please set out here any other matters which you consider relevant to your application, including how you would manage the task of writing judgments and of delivering rulings in the course of a trial.

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SECTION 6

FORMAL DECLARATION

I _____ wish to be considered for judicial appointment

- a. I am a practising Barrister or Solicitor of not less than 10 years standing, a Legal Academic or the head of a faculty qualifying under section 45A of the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961 or 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 sit in any circuit court venue as required by the President of the Circuit Court.
- e. 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.
- f. I will provide if requested: (i) provide detailed information from treating clinical professional and attend a review with an Occupational Health Physician; and (ii) letter of good standing from my professional body or other body exercising disciplinary jurisdiction over me or academic institution, as applicable.

- g. 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.
- h. 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).
- i. I declare that all the information which I have provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- j. I have read the 'Candidate Information Booklet: Office of Judge of the Circuit Court 2025'.

DATED: _____

SIGNED: _____