**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION OF COUNSEL BY**

**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Note: An Irish version of this application form is available on the Attorney General’s Office website.

The Attorney General briefs counsel to give legal advice and to appear on behalf of State parties in litigation. The Attorney General has a policy of distributing briefs among a wide number of barristers, having regard to the provisions of section 7 of the Prosecution of Offences Act, 1974.

In discharging his obligation, the Attorney General takes account of the following:

* The public interest in ensuring that counsel retained to act for the State on the instructions of the Attorney General are of a very high quality;
* The quality of service provided by counsel who have previously been retained by the Attorney General;
* The fact that certain areas of law are extremely technical or highly specialised and may be suited only to a limited number of practitioners;

The Attorney General invites counsel who wish to indicate their willingness to be briefed by him to submit their details and other relevant information with this form. This application form (revised in January 2023) is intended to provide an opportunity for counsel to identify their relevant professional experience, academic qualifications and/or any other relevant information which counsel feels renders them suitable to be briefed by the Attorney General. While the form applies to all new applicants, it is particularly intended to offer an opportunity to newer entrants to the Law Library and those in their formative years of practice at the Bar to inform the Attorney General of their credentials and suitability.

Where, for personal reasons, (including, but not limited to, maternity leave or parental leave) counsel wish to take a period of time out from receiving briefs they should notify the Attorney General’s private office indicating the date after which they will be in a position to resume work. Counsel will be fully accommodated in this regard.

For the avoidance of doubt, an indication of willingness to be briefed does not, of itself, guarantee inclusion on any panel of counsel or guarantee that counsel will be briefed by the Attorney General.

Further information can be found at [www.attorneygeneral.ie](http://www.attorneygeneral.ie)

**Please download this form and type your answers. Handwritten forms will not be considered. If the space provided is inadequate, please expand the boxes on this form or attach additional sheets as necessary, including any *curriculum vitae* that counsel wish to furnish, together with two writing samples as requested by this form.**

**In order to be valid, an application must be completed in full and signed by the applicant.**

**Any documentation sent in support of this application will not be returned.**

**Please note that counsel who have, by submitting this form, indicated a willingness to act for the Attorney General should hold a valid tax clearance certificate at all times.**

**SECTION 1 - Personal Information**

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| Name: | | |
| Year of call to the Bar: | Date of commencement of practice: | Year of call to the Inner Bar  (if applicable): |
| Contact Address: | | |
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| Office Telephone Number: | | |
| Mobile Number: | | |
| Email: | | |

**SECTION 2 – Academic and Professional Qualifications**

*Please provide the details, in date order, of your academic and professional qualifications, including qualifications in disciplines other than law. Please include details of all academic prizes and scholarships in this section.*

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**SECTION 3: Professional Details**

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| Please confirm that you are enrolled on the Roll of Practising Barristers and please provide your roll reference number (available from LSRA) |  |
| In respect of devilling, please provide the name of all of your Pupil Masters and the time period(s) (from/to): | *Masters’ name(s):*  *Dates (from/to):* |
| Which Circuit do you practice on, if any? In answering this question, please specify with precision the Counties on that Circuit that you habitually practice in and are ordinarily available to accept Circuit Court briefs in. |  |

**SECTION 4: Career history prior to practice at the Bar**

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| *Please give details, in date order, of any relevant professional career prior to commencement of practice at the Bar. Please include all legal research experience or other legal work experience. You may include details of your professional career outside the legal profession, where this may be relevant to the criteria e.g. of specialist litigation or specialist knowledge of an area of law. Please ensure that you emphasise relevant experience with reference to the guidance panels (see section 8 below).* | | |
| Dates (from/to) | Private practice or other organisation and address | Particulars (Please specify your role and type of work) |
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**SECTION 5: Career at the Bar**

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| *Please provide a detailed description of your current practice, including an overview of the types of cases you have been involved in since you were called to the Bar and any specialisms. Please ensure that you emphasise relevant experience with reference to the guidance panels (see section 8 below). (expand the box below as necessary)* |
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**SECTION 6: Reported or Significant Cases**

*Please list below all decided cases in which you have appeared that have been reported in the Irish Reports or the Irish Law Reports Monthly or are otherwise significant unreported reserved judgments. Please include a description of the case and its significance in addition to the citation. (Expand the box below as necessary)*

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| **Name of Case** | **Neutral**  **Citation** | **Your role (*e.g.* Devil, Research Junior Counsel, Junior Counsel, Senior Counsel)** | **Detailed description of your role in and contribution to the litigation** |
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**SECTION 7: Contribution to Legal Education & Legal Writing Sample**

**Legal Publications**

*Please provide full details of the publication and please specify your role in detail where not the sole author. Applicants are encouraged to include a chapter of a book or an article (but only if they were authored solely by the Applicant) as a writing sample.*

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| **Books (including chapters, or co-authorship or contribution towards books)** | **Date** |
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**Conference / Seminar Papers**

*Please give details (including the date, name of event, details i.e. your role and topic) of any addresses to conferences, seminars or other continuing professional development events. Please provide the date and details of the event. Applicants are encouraged to include one or two such conference papers (but only if they were authored solely by the Applicant) as a writing sample.*

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**Other legal writing samples**

*If you are not in a position to provide a writing sample of a publication or a conference paper, please enclose two legal writing samples of your choice that were solely authored by you in the last twelve months.*

*The most suitable writing sample is a set of written Legal Submissions, in respect of a matter that has been heard and determined in open court such that there is no sensitivity in the Attorney General reviewing same as a representative writing sample of the Applicant.*

*However, an Opinion or a set of Legal Submissions could be provided with the names of the parties and other identifying information redacted so that the Attorney General can review the quality of the legal analysis in the Opinion or Written Legal Submissions.*

**SECTION 8 – Guidance Panels of Counsel**

*Please indicate (by emboldening and underlining) which of the guidance panels of Counsel you wish to apply for inclusion within and, where applicable please include in the relevant box any relevant information in relation to your prior professional experience that you believe particularly qualifies you for inclusion on that specific panel (Expand the boxes below as necessary)*

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| **Panel** | **Reasons for suitability of counsel for each panel selected** |
| AG Habeas Corpus |  |
| AG / DPP Habeas Corpus |  |
| Agricultural Prosecutions |  |
| Asylum and Immigration |  |
| Asylum and Immigration Habeas Corpus |  |
| Commercial & Banking |  |
| Coroners |  |
| Data Protection, Privacy and FOI |  |
| Defence Forces |  |
| Discovery |  |
| European Arrest Warrant & Extradition |  |
| Electoral Law |  |
| Employment |  |
| Environmental, Planning and Climate Law |  |
| EU Law |  |
| Family law |  |
| Garda Compensation |  |
| Garda Discovery |  |
| Garda Torts |  |
| Housing Acts |  |
| Hepatitis C |  |
| Irish Language |  |
| Mutual Assistance |  |
| Prisoner Transfer & Transfer of Execution of Sentences |  |
| Public Procurement |  |
| Rateable Valuation Cases |  |
| Research |  |
| Social Welfare |  |
| Special Needs and Education |  |

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| State Aids |  |
| State Property |  |
| Surrogacy |  |
| Tax/Revenue |  |
| Tribunals, Commissions of Investigation & Inquiries |  |

**SECTION 9 – Other Expertise**

*Particulars of areas of law which are not covered by the above-mentioned panels in which counsel is willing to act or advise (Expand the box below as necessary).*

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| **Area of law** | **Details of Expertise & Experience** |
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**SECTION 10 (Optional) - Capacity to Conduct a Case in Irish**

I hereby declare that I am fluent in written and spoken Irish and am fully competent to conduct a case before the Courts in Irish. I am willing for my name to be placed on the panel of counsel who are prepared so to act.

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SECTION 11 – Acknowledgements and Certificate of Applicant**

I hereby notify the Attorney General of my willingness to act for and/or advise the State in any matter in which the Attorney is satisfied that I am qualified and suitable to so act or advise.

I understand that the Attorney General, in accepting this application, does not guarantee that I will be briefed in any matter.

I understand that in nominating counsel the Attorney General may have regard to all relevant facts and of the particulars herein, including but not limited to the question of whether I have previously been retained by the State or included in any panel of counsel maintained by the Attorney General.

I understand that barristers who have indicated a willingness to act for the Attorney General must have a valid tax clearance certificate at all times and that payment for any work carried out will not be made until an up to date tax clearance certificate is furnished.

I certify that the particulars which I have disclosed herein are correct.

Personal data provided will be processed for purposes related to the application

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please send this completed form, together with any other relevant documentation and a copy of an up-to-date tax clearance certificate to:

**Private Secretary to the Attorney General**

**Office of the Attorney General**

**Government Buildings**

**Upper Merrion Street**

**Dublin 2**

**D02 R583**

Alternatively, the completed form may be sent as a scanned pdf along with any other relevant documentation and a copy of an up-to-date tax clearance certificate to [***agpo@ag.irlgov.ie***](mailto:agpo@ag.irlgov.ie)