



Coimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta
an Duine agus Comhionannas
Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Expression of Interest for the Specialist Human Rights Law Panel of Barristers

Please note that in order to be a valid expression of interest, this form must be:

- completed in full; and
- signed by the applicant.¹

Please note that, by submitting this form, barristers indicate their willingness to act for IHREC and/or private clients in receipt of legal assistance (section 40 IHREC Act 2014) and they confirm that they comply with the requirements set out in the associated information note.

If possible, please type the information requested into this form and return in pdf format as an email attachment.

If writing the information in long hand, please use BLOCK CAPITALS, scan and return the form as an email attachment.

If the space provided is inadequate, please attach additional sheets as necessary.

¹ Electronic signature is sufficient.

Section 1 - Personal Information

Name:	
Date of commencement of practice:	
Year called to the Inner Bar (if applicable):	
Contact Address:	
DX:	
Contact Number(s):	
Email:	

Section 2 – Third Level Qualifications

Institution	Award (Degree, Diploma, etc.)	Year Awarded

Section 3 - Particulars Of Practice

Devil/Pupil Master(s):	
Areas of practice:	
Circuits:	

Summary of human rights law experience at the Bar

Please specify your relevant area(s) of specialisation by ticking the relevant check box/boxes:

- (a) Child law;
- (b) Constitutional law and protection of human rights;
- (c) Criminal law, in particular human rights and fair procedures;
- (d) Disability law;
- (e) EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;
- (f) European Convention on Human Rights and/or ECHR Act 2003;
- (g) Housing law;
- (h) Human Trafficking;
- (i) Immigration, citizenship and refugee law;
- (j) Mental Health Act 2001;
- (k) Social Welfare law;
- (l) Traveller rights; and/or
- (m) Wardship and/or the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015.

Summary of human rights law advisory experience (max. 500 word count)

Please briefly describe the nature and volume of work undertaken in your stated area(s) of specialisation (as indicated at A- M above) where you have provided advisory services to clients in the past five years.

Summary of human rights law litigation / representation experience (max. 500 word count)

Please briefly describe the nature and volume of work undertaken in your stated area(s) of specialisation (as indicated at A- M above) where you have legally represented clients in the past five years, including the volume of work, the mix of State and private client work, as well as plaintiff and defendant work.

- Human Rights law – representation – Irish courts
- Human Rights law – representation – CJEU and/or ECtHR
- Amicus curiae before the Superior Courts and/or 3rd party intervener before the ECtHR

Other professional activities in the area of human rights law that may be of relevance (max. 500 word count)

For example teaching/lecturing/academic writing in the field, inclusion on the panel of other State agencies resulting in work of relevance, membership of a relevant professional group/association, activity with a relevant civil society group etc.

Particular areas of law within IHREC's mandate where the applicant has experience/expertise, which though not directly applicable to this panel are of general relevance to the work of IHREC (max. 500 word count)

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Section 4 (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 to so act.

Signed:

Section 5 – Acknowledgements and Certificate of Applicant

- I hereby notify IHREC of my willingness to act for and/or advise the Commission and/or recipients of legal assistance (section 40) in any matter in which IHREC is satisfied that I am qualified and suitable to so act or advise.
- I understand that IHREC, in accepting this application, does not guarantee that I will be briefed in any matter.
- I understand that, in nominating counsel, IHREC 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 IHREC.
- I understand that barristers who have indicated a willingness to act for IHREC must have valid tax clearance at all times and that payment for any work carried out will not be made until proof of same is furnished.
- I certify that the particulars which I have disclosed herein are correct.

Signed:

Date:

Please send this completed form to procurement@ihrec.ie before 5pm on Wednesday 22 March 2023. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please use the subject line: “Specialist Human Rights Law Panel – applicant’s name”

An acknowledgement email will be issued for all applications received.

If you do not receive acknowledgement of your application, please telephone the procurement office on 01 859 2669 to ensure your application has been received.