

Court of Judicature Rules Committee

28 May 2019

The Department of Justice is inviting expressions of interest from practising members of the Bar of Northern Ireland for a vacancy on the Court of Judicature Rules Committee.

The Court of Judicature Rules Committee makes rules of court with respect to the pleading, practice and procedure in, and the forms used in connection with, any proceedings before the High Court and Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland. The Committee meets as and when business dictates but may also deal with business by way of correspondence. No remuneration will be payable for this position, although members may be reimbursed for travelling and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with Committee business.

The vacancy relates to the Department of Justice's power to nominate a barrister to the Committee under section 54(1)(c) of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978. The initial nomination will be for three years. More detail is set out in the booklet accompanying this notice. Those who are interested are asked to complete the self-nomination form attached to this notice, explaining how they meet the following criteria:

Essential criteria:

- Current knowledge and experience of practice and procedure in the civil jurisdiction of the High Court;
- Understanding of the needs of users of the High Court and Court of Appeal and users of the Court of Judicature Rules;
- Ability to work in a committee (or similar) setting and take an active and influential part in debate.

Desirable criterion:

- At least seven years' experience of applying the practice and procedure in the High Court's civil jurisdiction.

A selection panel will consider expressions of interest against these criteria and this will inform the final decision by the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Justice.

All applicants will be considered equally irrespective of age, disability, ethnic origin, marital status, religion, sexuality, or gender.

Completed applications must be received at the address below by 18 June 2019. Late applications will not be considered.

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