

Family Proceedings 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 Family Proceedings Rules Committee.

The Family Proceedings Rules Committee makes rules of court for the purposes of family proceedings 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 paragraph 2(1)(g) of Schedule 2 to the Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993. 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 family proceedings in the High Court and County Court;
- Understanding of the needs of users of the family courts and of the Family Proceedings Rules;
- Ability to work in a Committee (or similar) setting and take an active and influential part in debate.

Desirable criterion:

- Applicants should ideally be able to demonstrate at least seven years' experience of applying practice and procedure in family proceedings the High Court and County Court.

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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