



Roinn an Taoisigh
Department of the Taoiseach

17th July 2017

Mr Ken Murphy
Director General
Law Society of Ireland

Dear Mr. Murphy,

As you may know, the Chief Justice is due to retire shortly. The Government has agreed a process for recommendation prior to the nomination of a person by the Government to the Office of the Chief Justice.

A non-statutory advisory Committee has been set up to invite and consider expressions of interest in the position of Chief Justice, and to make recommendations for consideration by the Government.

The enclosed notice regarding the process is being published on the internet and in newspapers.

I would be most grateful if you could bring the notice to the attention of any colleagues who may be eligible.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Fraser
Secretary General to the Government



Process for Recommendation prior to the Nomination of a Person by the Government to the Office of Chief Justice

Arising from the forthcoming retirement of the current Chief Justice, the Government has established a process for recommendation prior to the nomination of a person to be appointed as Chief Justice by the President under the Constitution.

A non-statutory advisory Committee has been set up to invite and consider expressions of interest in the position of Chief Justice, and to make recommendations for consideration by the Government.

The Committee comprises:

- Ms Jane Williams, Chair of the Top Level Appointments Committee
- Mr Justice Sean Ryan, President of the Court of Appeal
- Mr Séamus Woulfe, Attorney General

Expressions of interest are invited from eligible persons, i.e. serving Judges and practising Barristers and Solicitors eligible for appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court in accordance with Section 5 of the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961 (as amended).

The expression of interest should set out the person's education, professional qualifications and experience relevant to the position of Chief Justice, accompanied by a statement (maximum 500 words) setting out the reasons for the person's interest in and suitability for the office, including his/her capacity to carry out the leadership role in the Judiciary.

Expressions of interest should be sent to:

Mr Martin Fraser
Secretary General to the Government
Government Buildings
Upper Merrion Street
Dublin 2

The deadline for submission of expressions of interest is 1pm on Thursday July 20th 2017.