IRELAND: THE BAR
EDITORIAL SUBMISSION REQUEST AND GUIDELINES

We will soon be starting research for the 2020 edition of The Legal 500 EMEA, and invite you to provide us with editorial submissions.

Editorial submissions and referee spreadsheets must be with us no later than Monday 12 August 2019.

You can find useful information on how we conduct our research and FAQs at legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html.

If you have any further questions, please email the address below, and either I or one of my team will be pleased to help.

Yours sincerely

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Submissions by practice area

The Legal 500 EMEA aims to include an overview of the elite of the Irish Bar across all practice areas.

We will include Senior Counsel and junior barristers in separate tables. Submissions are required to use the template provided for the English Bar, which asks for the following information. Barristers may submit individually, disregarding irrelevant boxes, or alternatively English sets of chambers and Scottish stables who have members with suitable work (see below) may submit collectively.

References

Please provide, in a separate spreadsheet, details of referees whom we can contact for feedback. See page 6 for details
CONFIDENTIALITY

All information provided to us may be published by all The Legal 500 and Legalease Ltd products, unless it is marked as confidential. Please identify clearly any confidential information – whether client names, deal or case values, or other details – by marking that information CONFIDENTIAL, in bold red and upper case. Please use red typeface for all of the confidential information.

Please avoid putting global confidentiality restrictions at the front of submissions. Please also try to be as clear as possible about what exactly is confidential; is it the case as a whole, the name of the client, or the issue/value at stake?

SENDING EDITORIAL SUBMISSIONS AND CLIENT SPREADSHEETS

Sending submissions

- Each submission should be emailed to editorial@legal500.com
- Please mark the subject line as follows:
  - In the case of an individual submission:
    EMEA/Ireland/The Bar/[barrister name]
  - In the case of an English set or Scottish stable submitting several members:
    EMEA/Ireland/The Bar/[chambers name]
    eg EMEA/Ireland/The Bar/One Essex Court
Detailed submission guidelines

For each individual practice area, please provide the following:

Practice area overview
English sets and Scottish stables submitting collectively are encouraged to supply a brief practice overview indicating the set’s presence in the Irish market and dealing with chambers’ key achievements within each practice area over the last 12 months. The overview should also indicate the number of barristers who belong to the practice group (and are active in the jurisdiction), the individual in chambers who leads the practice group, and the clerk most closely associated with its management.

Individual barristers
This section should include individual barristers who you feel deserve ranking, whether silks or juniors. Please note: the junior rankings will be much more limited in length compared to the silk rankings.

This section aims to cover barristers who have a practice relating to Ireland, rather than members of the English Bar who have obtained a secondary qualification. Barristers should be able to demonstrate in their submissions that they are primarily based in Ireland or spend a significant amount of time practicing in Ireland, such as that they:

a) Have significant experience of handling work before the Irish courts, or
b) Have significant experience of handling work before European Union judicial bodies on instructions from Irish law firms
c) Have significant experience of handling arbitration work with an Irish factual background, or subject to Irish law, or physically heard in Ireland.

Each barrister should include their call year and, if applicable, their silk year; an introduction to their practice; and five work highlights which illustrate the nature and calibre of their Irish
practice. Matters should be of legal significance (including ongoing appearances) and/or of factual complexity, high public profile, or commercial importance, or an example of service quality.

Work highlights should ideally fall between August 2018 and July 2019, as the focus of the research is on recent work. If, however, you think older work is significant – or would help us better to understand the nature of a practice – then please do mention it and explain why it is of interest. Please do not overload the submission with details unlikely to assist researchers.

For each work highlight, please mention the law firm(s), lawyers and/or any other barristers involved, as well as details of the current status.

Contact details
Please provide contact details for the person we should contact if we need to follow up on the submission, ie contact name, position, email address and telephone number.
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TIMETABLE

Client referees should reach us no later than Monday 12 August 2019

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Follow-up research will begin around 9 September 2019 and will continue to mid-October

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Please provide details of referees whom we can contact for feedback. There is NO LIMIT to how many referees you can provide.

Referees should have instructed counsel on the above matters, or have worked closely with them in the last two years. Greater weight will be given to work carried out recently than to historic cases, and to the views of solicitors and direct clients. You are asked to specify the category into which each referee falls (Instructing solicitor; or Other), to enable us to tailor our reference requests appropriately.

Details of referees must be provided in a separate document, as a spreadsheet in the prescribed format. The templates can be found at legal500.com/assets/pages/about-us/get-involved.html (under The Legal 500 EMEA drop-down).

To clarify how the referee spreadsheets are used, referees will be contacted by email shortly after the start of the research period, asking them for feedback in relation to the barrister in question. They will also receive an email upon publication of The Legal 500 EMEA in April 2020, stating that the results of the research are available to view, free of charge.

The Legal 500 series contacted more than 300,000 referees in 2018. To ensure referees are not repeatedly contacted, it takes time to process and deduplicate the spreadsheets. The referee deadline must be adhered to. We cannot guarantee to contact referees in spreadsheets delivered late.