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Competition and
Consumer Protection
Commission

Call for Expressions of Interest - Chief Adjudication Officer

Application Form

Closing date: 12 noon on Monday, 13th May 2024

Instructions to Applicants

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (“CCPC”) is inviting expressions of interest from suitably qualified individuals with relevant expertise for consideration for nomination to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for appointment to the position of Chief Adjudication Officer in accordance with section 150 of the Competition Act 2002, as amended (the “Act”), and the Competition Act 2002 (Adjudication Officers) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 476/2023) (the “Regulations”).

This application form will be used to assess your suitability for nomination by the CCPC for appointment to the role of Chief Adjudication Officer. Full details of the role and the process by which the CCPC proposes to nominate a person for appointment as Chief Adjudication Officer are set out in the information booklet, which is available on the [CCPC careers page](#). Candidates should also have regard to the legislative criteria set out in Part 2D of the Act and the Regulations.

Please complete all seven sections of this application form in full before submitting it for consideration.

- Section 1 – Personal Details
- Section 2 – Eligibility Criteria
- Section 3 – Essential Criteria
- Section 4 – Fitness and Probity Declaration
- Section 5 – Conflicts of Interest
- Section 6 – Declaration of Applicant

The completed application must be accompanied by an up-to-date CV. Both your completed application form and CV must be sent to recruit@ccpc.ie by 12 noon on Monday, 13th May 2024.

If you experience any accessibility issues or difficulties, please let us know by emailing recruit@ccpc.ie

Section One – Personal Details

First Name	
Last Name	
Title	

Postal Address for Correspondence	
Contact Number	
Email	

Section Two – Eligibility Criteria

The successful candidate must satisfy at least one of the eligibility criteria set out in Regulation 14(1) of the Regulations. This section asks for details of how you satisfy the criteria set out in Regulation 14(1)(b).

Please select all that apply:

Do you have a minimum of 5 years' experience practicing in the State as a barrister or as a solicitor?	
Do you have a minimum of 5 years' experience as a registered lawyer having the same rights of audience as a barrister or solicitor qualified to practise by virtue of Regulation 10 of the European Communities (Lawyers' Establishment) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 732 of 2003)?	
Do you have a minimum of 5 years' experience as a lawyer, lawfully practising in a manner equivalent to a barrister or solicitor, in a non-Member State?	
Do you have demonstrable expertise in matters of competition law, competition economics or both?	
Do you have demonstrable expertise in one or more markets, sectors or industries that are, or are likely to be, relevant to the CCPC's investigations of relevant competition law?	
Please provide further details (100 words max.)	

Section Three – Essential Criteria

In addition to the above legislative criteria, applicants are required to provide details of how you meet each of the essential criteria below (100 words max. per answer), as set out in the Information Booklet.

<p>Essential Criteria:</p> <p>Please provide evidence, including specific examples where appropriate, of how you meet the essential criteria set out in the Information Booklet.</p>
<p>A minimum of 10 years' experience acting as a senior leader making decisions at the highest level in one of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law – particularly competition, regulatory, administrative, litigation• Competition Economics• Regulation – particularly involving significant economic, competition and legal analysis.
<p>An understanding of the role the CCPC has in delivering better outcomes for consumers, businesses, and the Irish economy.</p>
<p>Proven experience of communicating and effectively collaborating with others at the highest level.</p>
<p>The ability to analyse complex legal and economic evidence and arguments to make reasoned and timely decisions taking into account EU competition jurisprudence.</p>

Experience of overseeing complex case management processes to deliver efficient and high-quality outcomes.
The ability and skills to conduct on-site or remote hearings in accordance with the requirements of a fair hearing.

Section Four – Fitness and Probity Declaration

This successful applicant must demonstrate to the CCPC that they are a fit and proper person to perform the functions of the Chief Adjudication Officer in accordance with Regulation 14(1)(a) of the Regulations, and that they meet the eligibility criteria in Regulation 14(1)(c).

Please confirm if you have ever:

- (i) been the subject of a finding of misconduct under section 81 of the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015,

- (ii) been disbarred by the Benchers of the Honorable Society of King's Inns (other than having procured myself to be disbarred with a view to being admitted as a solicitor),
- (iii) had your name struck off the roll of practising barristers or the roll of solicitors by the High Court by an order which, at this time, remains in effect,
- (iv) been the subject of disciplinary proceedings having a result comparable to any of clauses (i) to (iii) by a body with authority to make such decisions in any state other than the State,
- (v) been convicted on indictment of an offence,
- (vi) been convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty, or
- (vii) been the subject of a declaration under section 819 of the Companies Act 2014 or been deemed to be subject to such a declaration by virtue of Chapter 5 of Part 14 of that Act.

Please also confirm whether you have previously carried out statutory functions similar to those performed by an AO or CAO.

If you answered yes to any of the above, please provide the details below:

Section Five - Conflicts of Interest

A conflict of interest may arise when someone has competing interests, such as personal and professional, whether direct or indirect, which could lead to bias on behalf of the person with conflicting interests. Individuals must avoid placing themselves in a position where there is a conflict (or potential conflict) between their personal and/or outside interests and their official duties as Chief Adjudication Officer.

Examples of conflicts of interest may include, but are not restricted to:

- business positions
- appointments
- consultancies
- investments
- gifts
- other personal interests which could constitute a potential conflict of interest situation.

This is a non-exhaustive list of examples, and it is your responsibility to ensure that any and all actual, potential or perceived conflicts are disclosed prior to your appointment. The successful candidate will be required to comply with all relevant CCPC conflict of interest policies and with the Regulations. The issue of potential conflicts of interest will be further explored at interview should you progress to that stage.

Section Six – Declaration of Applicant

I confirm that all the information I have provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, complete, true, and accurate as of the date of this application.

I consent to CCPC holding my data in accordance with its privacy policy.

Print Name	
E-signature:	
Date	

By adding your name to this form and subsequently sending it, together with your CV from your e-mail address, you are confirming, consenting, and agreeing to the terms of the CCPC's call for expressions of interest.

Thank you for your interest in this role and for completing the application form.

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