

STATISTICS

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INTRODUCTION

The Service continued to improve statistical information on the work of the courts and court offices in 2007. The information and communications technology programme continued to deliver significant enhancements which in turn increased the range and quality of statistical information. An example is in the Circuit Court where improvements in the quality of information on family law will further assist those interested in this important area of our legal system.

An equally important part of the statistics programme continues to be the development of enhanced data quality control measures to ensure accuracy and consistency of data.

The statistics in this Chapter are for the period from 1st January 2007 to 31st December 2007. In some instances statistics for 2006 and previous years are provided for comparison purposes. They are presented by reference to specific categories of law: criminal, civil (including family) and licensing.

An overview of the work of the courts in 2007 is contained in Chapter 2.

The classification and categorisation used by the Service has been used to produce the statistics in this Chapter. These may differ from other agencies such as An Garda Síochána, the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement.

Law Terms 2007	
Hilary:	11th January to 30th March
Easter:	16th April to 24th May
Trinity:	6th June to 31st July
Michaelmas:	1st October to 21st December

A glossary of terms is contained in Chapter 9.

SECTION 1

SUPREME COURT

APPEALS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF: 2001 TO 2007

Year	Received	Disposed of
2007	373	229
2006	484	202
2005	446	211
2004	531	722*
2003	440	304
2002	415	324
2001	361	243
Total	3,050	2,235

* 432 of these appeals were disposed of in a review of uncertified appeals list.

Outcome of Appeals Disposed of	2007	2006
Appeal dismissed: High Court order affirmed	85	102
Appeal allowed: High Court order set aside	59	19
Appeal allowed: High Court order varied	14	26
Appeal struck out	70	54
Cases stated determined	1	1
Total	229	202

JUDGMENTS

	2007	2006
Outstanding at 01/01	11	14
Judgments reserved	75	64
Judgments delivered	84	67
Outstanding at 31/12	2	11

APPEALS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF

Nature of Appeal	Received	Disposed of
Arbitration	0	2
Asylum	10	11
Bail	7	8
Case Stated: Circuit Court	1	1
Case Stated: District Court Appeal	11	0
Case Stated: High Court	0	5
Central Criminal Court	1	0
Chancery: final order	24	19
Chancery: interim/interlocutory	10	1
Circuit Court	3	0
Commercial List	22	1
Common Law interim/interlocutory	27	4
Companies Act	10	2
Consolidation	0	0
Criminal Assets Bureau	3	2
Defence amend	0	1
Discharge Masters Order	1	0
Discovery	0	2
Discovery: competition	0	1

Dismissed for want of prosecution	18	10
Extradition /European Arrest Warrant	27	24
Family	10	4
Foreign judgment	0	1
Habeas Corpus/Article 40	17	11
Hague Convention	0	1
Injunction: interim/ interlocutory	0	2
Judgment assessment no defence	0	1
Judgment: Summary Summons	5	1
Judicial Review: ex parte refused	12	9
Judicial Review: final refused	44	25
Judicial Review: interim/interlocutory	6	3
Judicial Review: planning	1	2
Judicial Review: planning injunction	0	1
Judicial Review: planning refusal final	0	1
Judicial Review: injunction final	0	7
Judicial Review: declaration final	3	5
Judicial Review: strike out final	2	1
Judicial Review: certiorari final	5	4
Judicial Review: prohibition final	2	5
Jury actions	2	0
Medical Practitioners Act	2	2
Motions	17	6
Motion affirm Masters order	0	1
Non Jury action	10	1
Personal injury	42	29
Planning Act: Section 160 final	2	0
Plenary hearing	4	0

Preliminary issue	0	1
Probate	1	1
Section 29 Court of Criminal Appeal	4	7
Security for costs	2	1
Solicitors Act	2	0
Solicitor Off Record	2	0
Wards of Court	1	2
Total	373	229

Length of appeal

One day or less	209
Two days or more	20

Motions

Lodged	129
Disposed of	132

Supreme Court office	
Commissioners appointed	32
Notaries Public appointed	6
Certificates of authentication issued	9,937
Number called to the Inner Bar	8
Number called to the Outer Bar	202
Declarations made by newly appointed judges	13
Extensions of time granted to County Registrars/District Judges	7

SECTION 2 CRIMINAL

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL

Court	On hand 01/01	Lodged	Disposed of	On hand 31/12
Circuit Criminal Court	109	184	154	139
Central Criminal Court	43	37	35	45
Special Criminal Court	12	4	3	13
Courts-Martial Appeal Court	0	0	0	0
Appeals by the Director of Public Prosecutions*	28	42	39	31
Criminal Procedure Act	2	0	1	1
Total	194	267	232	229

** The Director of Public Prosecutions can appeal against sentence to the Court of Criminal Appeal on the grounds of undue leniency under section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1993. In the case of an alleged miscarriage of justice, an appeal may be lodged under section 2 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1993.*

Type of appeal	On hand 01/01	Lodged	Disposed of	On hand 31/12
Conviction and sentence	52	39	39	52
Conviction only	37	27	35	29
Sentence only	105	201	158	148
Total	194	267	232	229

Section 2 Criminal Justice Act, 1993	2007	2006
Refused	6	15
Original sentence quashed and sentence imposed in lieu	30	33
Struck out	2	0
Liberty to withdraw granted	1	2
Total	39	50

Appeals against sentence	2007	2006
Refused	35	56
Liberty to withdraw granted	19	28
Original sentence quashed and sentence imposed in lieu	22	40
Struck out appeal	7	10
Adjourned generally with liberty to re-enter	0	3
Total	83	137

Appeals against conviction	2007	2006
Refused	24	34
Liberty to withdraw granted	0	2
Conviction quashed, re-trial directed	1	1
Conviction quashed re-trial directed and admit to bail	1	0
Conviction quashed (no re-trial)	2	3
Appeal struck out	1	0
Adjourned generally with liberty to re-enter	0	5
Total	29	45

Appeals against conviction and sentence	2007	2006
Refused	25	19
Conviction affirmed, sentence varied	3	14
Conviction quashed, re-trial directed	2	7
Conviction quashed (no re-trial)	2	8
Appeal struck out	2	2
Adjourned generally with liberty to re-enter	0	4
Liberty to withdraw granted	1	3
Total	35	57

Note: There were 45 ordinary appeals withdrawn in the office in 2007.

APPEALS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF: 2000 TO 2007

	Received	Disposed of
2007	267	232
2006	244	329
2005	257	290
2004	257	266
2003	257	347
2002	237	273
2001	287	216
2000	237	233
TOTAL	2,043	2,186

HIGH COURT (BAIL)

Only the High Court has jurisdiction to deal with bail applications where a person is charged with murder. Application may also be made to the High Court where an applicant wishes to obtain a variation of the terms of a bail order made by a District Court judge.

	2007	2006
Orders made on own surety	432	500
Orders made on own surety and cash lodgement	149	94
Orders made on third party surety	277	199
Refused	286	323
Refused under Bail Act, 1997	31	16
Revoked	52	72
Withdrawn	267	212
Struck out	82	153
Orders varied	129	140
Consolidate	18	32
Other orders made	86	56

Outcome of applications	2007	2006
Granted	858	793
Refused	317	339
Withdrawn/ struck out	349	365
Varied	129	140

HIGH COURT :

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

MURDER

	Received	Disposed of
2007	39	44
2006	33	52
2005	35	42
2004	28	59
2003	39	58
2002	55	48
2001	31	32
2000	42	33
Total	302	368

Cases disposed of	2007	2006
Convicted of murder	16	15
Convicted of offences other than murder	15	22
Found not guilty by reason of insanity	2	2
Acquitted	8	9
Other (including nolle prosequi)	3	4
Total	44	52

Sentences imposed	2007	2006
Life imprisonment	17	17
Over ten years	4	2
Over five years to ten years	8	13
Over three years to five years	1	6
Other	3	3
Not guilty by reason of insanity	0	2

Pleas / jury trials	2007	2006
Guilty pleas	11	6
Jury trials	25	42

RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

	Received	Disposed of
2007	73	76
2006	58	61
2005	44	75
2004	40	72
2003	52	100
2002	82	93
2001	92	98
2000	113	94
Total	554	669

Cases disposed of	2007	2006
Convicted of rape	9	27
Convicted of rape and other offences	27	0
Convicted of other sexual offences	12	14
Acquitted	13	8
Other (including nolle prosequi)	15	12
Total	76	61

Sentences imposed	2007	2006
Life	2	1
Over 12 years	2	3
Over five years to 12 years	34	24
Up to five years	7	9
Other*	3	4

* Includes suspended sentences, bench warrants

Pleas / jury trials	2007	2006
Guilty pleas	27	23
Jury trials	35	23

Other cases	Received	Disposed of
	4	3*

* Comprises 2 contempt of court cases and 1 Competition Act case.

SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT

	Trials	Accused persons	Convicted on plea of not guilty	Convicted on plea of guilty	Struck out/nolle prosequi/acquitted
2007	7	10	3	7	0
2006	10	16	12	0	4
2005	6	21	10	11	0
2004	15	30	13	10	7
2003	9	19	7	6	6
2002	13	22	10	9	3
2001	18	32	7	22	3
Total	78	150	62	65	23

CASES DISPOSED OF BY OFFENCE

Offence	Convicted	Struck out /discharged/ nolle prosequi/acquitted
Membership of an unlawful organisation	5	0
Possession of an explosive substance	4	0
Possession of firearms	2	0
Possession of ammunition	5	0

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT

DUBLIN

Cases disposed of	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child Abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Defendants	114	226	37	51	417	255	3	0	193	1,296
Defendants pleading guilty	97	214	23	43	377	191	3	0	159	1,107

Outcome of trials	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child Abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Convicted	7	4	2	2	13	17	0	0	9	54
Acquitted	3	2	6	1	7	22	0	0	9	50
Nolle prosequi	7	6	6	5	20	25	0	0	16	85

Sentences	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child Abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Community Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	110
Suspended sentence	12	54	4	9	56	38	0	0	26	199
Fine	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	11
Imprisonment up to 2 years	11	17	4	2	29	22	0	0	8	93
Over 2 years to 5 years	37	62	14	21	179	80	1	0	72	466
Over 5 years to 10 years	8	42	2	12	28	18	0	0	11	121
Over 10 years	0	27	0	5	0	2	0	0	5	39

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT

PROVINCIAL

Cases disposed of	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child Abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Defendants	107	183	90	102	378	468	0	14	169	1,511
Defendants pleading guilty	74	160	60	86	318	326	0	7	126	1,157

Outcome of trials	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child Abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Convicted	14	7	9	0	15	32	0	3	10	90
Acquitted	8	1	14	10	26	66	0	4	18	147
Nolle prosequi	11	15	7	6	19	44	0	0	15	117

Sentences	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child Abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Community Service	0	0	0	1	5	10	0	0	1	17
Suspended sentence	37	59	25	28	145	185	0	1	73	553
Fine	11	3	1	1	5	5	0	0	28	54
Imprisonment up to two years	11	26	12	14	78	44	0	1	17	203
Over two years to five years	23	43	18	31	108	80	0	1	21	325
Over five years to 10 years	7	26	4	5	19	14	0	3	4	82
Over 10 years	0	6	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	10
Other	20	9	18	2	24	45	1	1	40	160

CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTRYWIDE

Office	Cases disposed of	District Court Appeals
Carlow	29	88
Cavan	26	96
Clare	36	154
Cork	312	1,122
Donegal	23	155
Dublin	1,197	2,461
Galway	75	244
Kerry	61	134
Kildare	73	214
Kilkenny	26	76
Laois	33	106
Leitrim	9	36
Longford	10	45
Louth	49	120
Limerick	112	1,491
Mayo	40	86
Meath	29	121
Monaghan	21	116
Offaly	12	109
Roscommon	21	74
Sligo	34	46
Tipperary	62	156
Waterford	34	52
Westmeath	38	87
Wexford	38	175
Wicklowl	65	120
Total	2,465	7,684

DISTRICT COURT

Cases disposed of	2007	2006
Summary cases	388,345	329,775
Indictable cases dealt with summarily	48,272	48,272
All cases disposed of		
Public order/assault		35,964
Drugs		9,870
Larceny		22,937
Road traffic offences		281,641
Sexual offences		517
Other *		85,688
Total		436,617

** Other includes offences such as criminal damage, breach of bail, litter offences, no television licence, street trading and offences prosecuted by Government Departments and other State agencies such as the Health and Safety Authority.*

Summary cases disposed of	
Public Order/Assault	33,896
Drugs	548
Road Traffic Offences	279,654
Sexual Offences	161
Larceny	6
Other*	74,080
Total	388,345

Indictable cases disposed of	
Public Order/Assault	2,068
Drugs	9,322
Larceny	22,931
Road Traffic Offences	1,987
Sexual Offences	356
Other*	11,608
Total	48,272

Outcomes of summary cases disposed of	
Imprisonment/Detention	11,344
Fines	106,965
Community Service	1,431
Probation	17,183
Struck Out	164,541
Dismiss	14,646
Taken into consideration**	65,882
Adjourn generally and other	5,187
Peace Bond	1,166
Total	388,345

Outcome of indictable cases disposed of	
Imprisonment/Detention	9,960
Fines	7,018
Community Service	1,069
Probation	6,393
Struck Out	10,844
Dismiss	1,754
Taken into consideration**	9,273
Adjourn generally and other	1,289
Peace Bond	672
Total	48,272

**** The Criminal Justice Act, 1951 section 8 provides for the making of such an order in the following circumstances:**

- 1. Where a person, on being convicted of an offence, admits himself guilty of any other offence and asks to have it taken into consideration in awarding punishment, the Court may take it into consideration accordingly.**
- 2. If the Court takes an offence into consideration, a note of that fact shall be made and filed with the record of the sentence, and the accused shall not be prosecuted for that offence, unless his conviction is reversed on appeal.**

DISTRICT COURT

PUBLIC ORDER / ASSAULT

OFFICE		Imp/Det	Fines	Comm Serv/ Pro/ DPOA	Struck Out	Dismiss	TIC	Other/ Adjourn Gen	Peace Bond	Total
Athlone	Cases	49	76	95	116	6	188	7	1	538
	Defendants	43	72	70	80	6	94	5	1	371
Ballina	Cases	61	61	35	84	24	86	3	1	355
	Defendants	36	46	27	47	15	48	2	1	222
Ballinasloe	Cases	42	33	28	62	9	96	11	2	283
	Defendants	30	31	21	40	6	41	4	2	175
Bray	Cases	92	120	129	153	18	211	28	31	782
	Defendants	62	107	111	118	10	127	13	31	579
Carlow	Cases	43	111	249	134	24	89	18	13	681
	Defendants	33	93	172	90	16	58	15	11	488
Carrick-on-Shannon	Cases	41	65	13	69	7	37	3	2	237
	Defendants	26	45	11	46	7	21	3	2	161
Cavan	Cases	207	90	131	295	24	243	20	70	1,080
	Defendants	150	79	115	211	19	127	17	65	783
Castlebar	Cases	50	64	23	35	23	49	4	8	256
	Defendants	29	49	20	28	13	30	3	7	179
Clonakilty	Cases	124	100	100	172	17	95	8	14	630
	Defendants	86	90	91	124	15	57	7	13	483
Clonmel	Cases	105	146	38	42	7	98	2	3	441
	Defendants	62	136	35	35	7	69	2	1	347
Cork	Cases	737	742	474	443	131	796	61	40	3,424
	Defendants	419	599	375	350	104	462	50	38	2,397
Doire an Fhéich	Cases	8	44	20	15	4	20	1	0	112
	Defendants	5	38	16	11	4	16	1	0	91
Donegal	Cases	41	81	37	46	5	61	5	9	285
	Defendants	32	69	27	33	5	42	3	9	220
Drogheda	Cases	100	89	104	48	12	12	12	9	386
	Defendants	32	76	73	38	10	8	9	6	252
Dublin	Cases	1,058	1,861	2,068	3,321	522	2,895	483	107	12,315
	Defendants	721	1,586	1,523	2,419	389	1,663	315	86	8,702
Dundalk	Cases	88	105	164	112	20	17	10	1	517
	Defendants	44	83	103	83	17	9	9	1	349
Ennis	Cases	104	175	85	175	48	202	29	25	843
	Defendants	82	151	75	146	31	137	23	25	670
Fermoy	Cases	72	55	10	25	19	80	7	2	270
	Defendants	51	47	9	20	14	59	2	2	204
Galway	Cases	129	216	128	113	22	152	8	6	774
	Defendants	81	191	92	81	15	110	6	6	582
Kilkenny	Cases	57	73	48	38	12	15	2	0	245
	Defendants	33	62	42	35	8	8	2	0	190
Killarney	Cases	31	87	26	51	11	41	2	0	249
	Defendants	21	72	20	48	10	18	2	0	191

OFFICE		Imp/Det	Fines	Comm Serv/ Pro/ DPOA	Struck Out	Dismiss	TIC	Other/ Adjourn Gen	Peace Bond	Total
Letterkenny	Cases	90	242	67	113	87	117	24	16	756
	Defendants	72	184	54	78	54	78	18	16	554
Limerick	Cases	284	258	143	444	29	517	64	74	1,813
	Defendants	199	233	109	320	16	332	41	64	1,314
Listowel	Cases	88	71	72	6	9	35	16	12	309
	Defendants	58	66	51	4	5	14	9	12	219
Longford	Cases	62	90	51	45	67	60	4	10	389
	Defendants	40	80	39	32	60	40	3	9	303
Loughrea	Cases	14	32	31	31	4	73	7	3	195
	Defendants	12	30	17	22	4	41	6	2	134
Mallow	Cases	89	79	23	28	45	88	4	1	357
	Defendants	72	65	18	23	38	67	3	1	287
Monaghan	Cases	121	123	167	274	45	89	4	45	868
	Defendants	81	98	129	205	28	62	3	41	647
Mullingar	Cases	30	95	46	31	97	41	4	17	361
	Defendants	21	83	32	26	81	33	3	15	294
Naas	Cases	57	104	83	160	24	149	8	65	650
	Defendants	33	86	64	114	18	95	6	52	468
Nenagh	Cases	34	23	45	76	2	87	9	2	278
	Defendants	24	21	38	57	2	40	7	2	191
Portlaoise	Cases	57	82	211	92	13	122	13	17	607
	Defendants	38	69	131	66	11	65	11	9	400
Roscommon	Cases	54	73	30	54	14	83	6	1	315
	Defendants	37	61	22	41	7	45	5	1	219
Sligo	Cases	60	156	18	162	23	39	1	15	474
	Defendants	26	113	13	89	18	26	1	14	300
Thurles	Cases	87	76	68	92	8	188	11	0	530
	Defendants	57	64	43	68	7	97	7	0	343
Tralee	Cases	52	91	100	46	13	48	0	0	350
	Defendants	38	73	79	40	8	25	0	0	263
Trim	Cases	22	257	77	209	45	239	7	4	860
	Defendants	13	225	57	161	29	142	3	3	633
Tuam	Cases	17	50	17	41	5	41	3	0	174
	Defendants	11	42	15	26	4	28	2	0	128
Tullamore	Cases	153	134	77	33	38	81	6	15	537
	Defendants	64	99	49	27	33	56	6	11	345
Waterford	Cases	67	104	51	126	14	18	3	3	386
	Defendants	56	99	37	107	13	15	3	3	333
Wexford	Cases	42	115	100	131	4	232	7	10	641
	Defendants	39	102	88	107	4	149	5	10	504
Youghal	Cases	101	115	13	89	11	71	6	5	411
	Defendants	65	97	10	65	10	54	5	3	309
Total	Cases	4,820	6,764	5,495	7,832	1,562	7,901	931	659	35,964
Total	Defendants	3,134	5,712	4,123	5,761	1,171	4,708	640	575	25,824

DISTRICT COURT

DRUGS

OFFICE		Imp/Det	Fines	Comm Serv/ Pro/ DPOA	Struck Out	Dismiss	TIC	Other/ Adjourn Gen	Peace Bond	Total
Athlone	Cases	2	8	9	4	0	15	0	0	38
	Defendants	2	8	5	4	0	10	0	0	29
Ballina	Cases	3	8	13	0	5	2	3	0	34
	Defendants	3	8	13	0	2	1	1	0	28
Ballinasloe	Cases	1	8	9	3	0	0	0	0	21
	Defendants	1	8	4	2	0	0	0	0	15
Bray	Cases	23	73	50	17	6	39	4	0	212
	Defendants	19	65	42	16	6	20	2	0	170
Carlow	Cases	13	20	109	6	0	19	12	1	180
	Defendants	11	18	85	5	0	9	8	1	137
Carrick-on-Shannon	Cases	1	12	4	7	1	5	0	0	30
	Defendants	1	11	3	7	1	2	0	0	25
Cavan	Cases	17	8	12	3	2	23	0	1	66
	Defendants	15	8	12	3	2	9	0	1	50
Castlebar	Cases	2	14	22	3	1	9	1	0	52
	Defendants	2	12	14	2	1	4	1	0	36
Clonakilty	Cases	13	28	21	11	7	15	4	1	100
	Defendants	12	25	19	10	5	10	2	1	84
Clonmel	Cases	18	65	19	7	3	23	0	0	135
	Defendants	13	56	13	4	2	13	0	0	101
Cork	Cases	67	236	193	68	6	88	4	6	668
	Defendants	53	214	165	60	5	45	4	6	552
Doire an Fhéich	Cases	5	9	3	2	0	2	0	0	21
	Defendants	2	9	3	2	0	1	0	0	17
Donegal	Cases	15	35	15	17	6	24	0	1	113
	Defendants	9	31	14	8	1	10	0	1	74
Drogheda	Cases	16	13	11	12	1	6	1	3	63
	Defendants	13	10	10	8	1	3	1	3	49
Dublin	Cases	355	641	613	1,286	85	765	102	36	3,883
	Defendants	287	567	459	878	70	367	62	31	2,721
Dundalk	Cases	17	8	22	6	1	0	1	0	55
	Defendants	11	6	16	5	1	0	1	0	40
Ennis	Cases	9	46	28	34	1	48	0	0	166
	Defendants	9	42	25	26	1	23	0	0	126
Fermoy	Cases	16	32	2	5	4	12	0	0	71
	Defendants	13	29	2	4	4	5	0	0	57
Galway	Cases	27	89	27	5	3	10	0	0	161
	Defendants	17	78	22	5	2	5	0	0	129
Kilkenny	Cases	54	94	37	56	0	40	0	0	281
	Defendants	39	76	35	47	0	16	0	0	213
Killarney	Cases	0	16	1	2	1	2	0	0	22
	Defendants	0	14	1	2	1	1	0	0	19

OFFICE		Imp/Det	Fines	Comm Serv/ Pro/ DPOA	Struck Out	Dismiss	TIC	Other/ Adjourn Gen	Peace Bond	Total
Letterkenny	Cases	16	54	18	9	10	23	8	3	141
	Defendants	13	39	17	8	3	9	5	3	97
Limerick	Cases	81	120	57	61	4	116	27	21	487
	Defendants	59	114	41	52	3	55	18	20	362
Listowel	Cases	3	41	2	0	0	0	1	0	47
	Defendants	2	36	2	0	0	0	1	0	41
Longford	Cases	12	14	5	2	9	2	4	0	48
	Defendants	9	12	4	2	5	1	4	0	37
Loughrea	Cases	6	12	10	3	0	10	1	0	42
	Defendants	4	11	10	3	0	6	1	0	35
Mallow	Cases	21	48	7	9	3	14	2	0	104
	Defendants	19	43	7	8	2	8	2	0	89
Monaghan	Cases	22	20	63	6	11	23	0	3	148
	Defendants	19	18	54	6	9	12	0	3	121
Mullingar	Cases	18	62	58	9	24	4	3	2	180
	Defendants	14	54	51	9	18	2	3	2	153
Naas	Cases	18	123	40	61	6	85	0	3	336
	Defendants	17	111	38	49	5	33	0	3	256
Nenagh	Cases	20	24	13	23	0	46	2	0	128
	Defendants	18	23	10	17	0	19	2	0	89
Portlaoise	Cases	30	48	179	61	4	65	3	1	391
	Defendants	26	42	136	48	3	28	2	1	286
Roscommon	Cases	7	27	5	11	0	18	0	0	68
	Defendants	6	21	5	5	0	8	0	0	45
Sligo	Cases	5	19	4	12	3	1	0	0	44
	Defendants	4	17	4	12	2	1	0	0	40
Thurles	Cases	5	11	12	8	1	21	1	0	59
	Defendants	5	9	9	8	1	10	1	0	43
Tralee	Cases	4	37	13	9	2	1	0	0	66
	Defendants	3	28	12	8	2	1	0	0	54
Trim	Cases	2	37	33	23	3	16	0	1	115
	Defendants	2	33	33	21	3	11	0	1	104
Tuam	Cases	1	6	1	0	6	2	0	0	16
	Defendants	1	6	1	0	3	1	0	0	12
Tullamore	Cases	22	52	12	1	1	18	17	2	125
	Defendants	15	45	9	1	1	6	12	2	91
Waterford	Cases	87	244	55	133	4	75	2	3	603
	Defendants	57	209	50	124	3	36	2	3	484
Wexford	Cases	7	55	78	40	0	65	4	1	250
	Defendants	7	49	69	36	0	33	3	1	198
Youghal	Cases	19	49	1	14	5	11	1	0	100
	Defendants	16	43	1	11	5	6	1	0	83
Total	Cases	1,080	2,566	1,886	2,049	229	1,763	208	89	9,870
Total	Defendants	848	2,258	1,525	1,526	173	840	139	83	7,392

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LARCENY

OFFICE		Imp/Det	Fines	Comm Serv/ Pro/ DPOA	Struck Out	Dismiss	TIC	Other/ Adjourn Gen	Peace Bond	Total
Athlone	Cases	54	32	53	44	0	120	5	0	308
	Defendants	34	31	47	18	0	35	3	0	168
Ballina	Cases	18	11	46	7	7	17	8	0	114
	Defendants	14	10	22	5	7	7	4	0	69
Ballinasloe	Cases	25	13	18	24	2	69	0	2	153
	Defendants	22	13	8	7	2	19	0	2	73
Bray	Cases	109	35	43	58	3	199	5	21	473
	Defendants	79	33	33	33	3	48	3	21	253
Carlow	Cases	69	37	60	22	1	140	21	1	351
	Defendants	40	35	34	14	1	39	9	1	173
Carrick-on-Shannon	Cases	27	22	5	13	1	22	1	7	98
	Defendants	22	17	4	11	1	8	1	6	70
Cavan	Cases	138	6	30	83	9	47	1	29	343
	Defendants	83	6	26	47	9	29	1	28	229
Castlebar	Cases	33	21	8	7	11	26	11	2	119
	Defendants	20	16	4	5	7	13	4	2	71
Clonakilty	Cases	104	34	49	75	16	69	5	2	354
	Defendants	57	30	28	39	6	21	2	2	185
Clonmel	Cases	74	41	17	3	1	21	0	1	158
	Defendants	43	37	14	3	1	13	0	1	112
Cork	Cases	578	365	269	152	10	334	42	17	1,767
	Defendants	238	307	201	121	10	134	32	15	1,058
Doire an Fhéich	Cases	19	7	9	3	0	6	0	0	44
	Defendants	7	7	5	2	0	2	0	0	23
Donegal	Cases	34	4	1	17	0	23	0	0	79
	Defendants	18	4	1	10	0	6	0	0	39
Drogheda	Cases	164	6	46	11	1	2	0	0	230
	Defendants	30	6	41	10	1	1	1	0	90
Dublin	Cases	1,773	1,019	1,563	2,931	217	2,265	381	121	10,270
	Defendants	954	903	1,059	1,913	173	876	262	80	6,220
Dundalk	Cases	280	13	45	39	4	6	3	0	390
	Defendants	44	9	30	19	4	3	3	0	112
Ennis	Cases	49	46	59	39	7	72	9	6	287
	Defendants	40	42	28	32	6	24	7	6	185
Fermoy	Cases	27	23	5	31	0	26	11	0	123
	Defendants	17	20	1	16	0	11	2	0	67
Galway	Cases	173	148	116	70	3	88	7	4	609
	Defendants	95	129	59	26	3	41	6	4	363
Kilkenny	Cases	204	50	116	16	2	35	1	0	424
	Defendants	45	38	55	12	2	14	1	0	167
Killarney	Cases	25	20	10	0	0	7	1	0	63
	Defendants	17	18	6	0	0	4	1	0	46

OFFICE		Imp/Det Comm	Fines	Comm Serv/ Pro/ DPOA	Struck Out	Dismiss	TIC	Other/ Adjourn Gen	Peace Bond	Total
Letterkenny	Cases	38	51	19	15	5	44	4	3	179
	Defendants	24	31	15	11	5	16	3	3	108
Limerick	Cases	394	75	130	156	10	386	34	67	1,252
	Defendants	182	69	90	111	8	132	22	61	675
Listowel	Cases	55	17	16	1	0	12	9	0	110
	Defendants	22	13	11	1	0	5	3	0	55
Longford	Cases	108	27	70	62	13	10	0	2	292
	Defendants	36	25	30	15	4	4	0	2	116
Loughrea	Cases	17	8	29	4	0	34	6	0	98
	Defendants	12	7	8	4	0	10	1	0	42
Mallow	Cases	51	16	5	30	2	7	4	0	115
	Defendants	29	15	5	25	2	4	3	0	83
Monaghan	Cases	136	20	28	73	11	31	0	29	328
	Defendants	60	19	21	39	11	16	0	21	187
Mullingar	Cases	36	15	31	29	5	36	0	3	155
	Defendants	25	14	7	20	4	11	0	3	84
Naas	Cases	91	41	64	41	5	104	12	28	386
	Defendants	52	33	41	36	5	50	5	27	249
Nenagh	Cases	26	13	16	48	0	16	3	1	123
	Defendants	19	13	13	13	0	11	2	1	72
Portlaoise	Cases	58	51	261	35	0	124	5	0	534
	Defendants	47	46	40	21	0	41	5	0	200
Roscommon	Cases	33	43	14	35	3	25	2	0	155
	Defendants	23	32	7	22	2	11	2	0	99
Sligo	Cases	113	33	65	76	4	15	0	1	307
	Defendants	35	29	18	44	4	7	0	1	138
Thurles	Cases	35	10	12	23	1	26	2	0	109
	Defendants	21	10	10	16	1	13	2	0	73
Tralee	Cases	43	33	17	14	0	7	2	0	116
	Defendants	23	25	14	10	0	5	1	0	78
Trim	Cases	97	30	41	82	10	71	2	9	342
	Defendants	32	30	33	44	9	50	2	9	209
Tuam	Cases	33	16	11	8	0	17	0	0	85
	Defendants	17	12	4	3	0	6	0	0	42
Tullamore	Cases	102	30	41	18	13	53	2	8	267
	Defendants	40	21	23	13	1	12	2	5	117
Waterford	Cases	166	92	124	66	4	58	36	0	546
	Defendants	81	79	92	39	3	22	4	0	320
Wexford	Cases	62	30	68	55	2	211	5	0	433
	Defendants	52	30	46	41	2	59	3	0	233
Youghal	Cases	77	35	41	52	0	37	4	2	248
	Defendants	43	31	24	24	0	14	2	1	139
Total	Cases	5,748	2,639	3,671	4,568	383	4,918	644	366	22,937
Total	Defendants	2,794	2,295	2,258	2,895	297	1,847	404	302	13,092

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SEXUAL OFFENCES

OFFICE		Imp/Det	Fines	Comm Serv/ Pro/ DPOA	Struck Out	Dismiss	TIC	Other/ Adjourn Gen	Peace Bond	Total
Athlone	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ballina	Cases	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ballinasloe	Cases	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bray	Cases	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	6
	Defendants	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	5
Carlow	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carrick-on-Shannon	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cavan	Cases	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
	Defendants	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Castlebar	Cases	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	6
	Defendants	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Clonakilty	Cases	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Defendants	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Clonmel	Cases	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Defendants	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cork	Cases	5	3	2	0	0	2	0	1	13
	Defendants	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	1	11
Doire an Fhéich	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donegal	Cases	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drogheda	Cases	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dublin	Cases	14	23	40	129	11	47	16	3	283
	Defendants	12	21	33	41	11	19	16	3	156
Dundalk	Cases	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Ennis	Cases	1	1	0	5	0	6	0	0	13
	Defendants	1	1	0	4	0	3	0	0	9
Fermoy	Cases	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
	Defendants	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
Galway	Cases	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Defendants	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kilkenny	Cases	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	6
	Defendants	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	5
Killarney	Cases	2	2	0	0	0	10	0	0	14
	Defendants	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3

OFFICE		Imp/Det	Fines	Comm Serv/ Pro/ DPOA	Struck Out	Dismiss	TIC	Other/ Adjourn Gen	Peace Bond	Total
Letterkenny	Cases	0	3	1	7	0	0	1	0	12
	Defendants	0	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	7
Limerick	Cases	3	4	8	7	0	8	0	0	30
	Defendants	3	4	5	7	0	4	0	0	23
Listowel	Cases	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Longford	Cases	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
	Defendants	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Loughrea	Cases	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mallow	Cases	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Defendants	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Monaghan	Cases	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
	Defendants	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Mullingar	Cases	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Naas	Cases	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	7
	Defendants	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	6
Nenagh	Cases	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Defendants	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Portlaoise	Cases	4	0	7	0	3	1	0	0	15
	Defendants	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	8
Roscommon	Cases	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4
	Defendants	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Sligo	Cases	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	Defendants	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Thurles	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tralee	Cases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Trim	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Tuam	Cases	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Defendants	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tullamore	Cases	10	2	0	0	4	4	0	0	20
	Defendants	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	8
Waterford	Cases	2	14	1	10	0	1	0	0	28
	Defendants	2	14	1	10	0	1	0	0	28
Wexford	Cases	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
	Defendants	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Youghal	Cases	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Defendants	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	Cases	61	67	73	169	27	95	17	8	517
Total	Defendants	45	63	55	74	21	42	17	7	324

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ALL ROAD TRAFFIC

OFFICE		Imp/Det Comm	Fines	Comm Serv/ Pro/ DPOA	Struck Out	Dismiss	TIC	Other/ Adjourn Gen	Peace Bond	Total
Athlone	Cases	23	424	61	951	14	359	25	1	1,858
	Defendants	20	346	37	383	11	112	18	1	928
Ballina	Cases	30	458	15	387	101	428	19	0	1,438
	Defendants	22	274	11	178	60	111	12	0	668
Ballinasloe	Cases	6	385	28	658	16	336	19	0	1,448
	Defendants	5	314	23	313	16	127	19	0	817
Bray	Cases	130	1,335	222	3,189	70	1,457	63	10	6,476
	Defendants	84	1,000	106	1,160	56	339	36	5	2,786
Carlow	Cases	78	1,056	110	1,664	79	830	49	2	3,868
	Defendants	52	807	50	650	46	220	35	2	1,862
Carrick-on-Shannon	Cases	9	390	40	530	127	152	7	0	1,255
	Defendants	7	290	22	258	68	46	5	0	696
Cavan	Cases	93	1,304	25	1,999	412	879	46	16	4,774
	Defendants	63	1,086	20	978	259	249	37	16	2,708
Castlebar	Cases	20	414	12	507	51	228	16	0	1,248
	Defendants	15	235	10	235	20	74	13	0	602
Clonakilty	Cases	80	677	317	1,022	86	677	40	2	2,901
	Defendants	46	559	178	444	56	203	35	2	1,523
Clonmel	Cases	72	1,101	47	297	60	549	32	1	2,159
	Defendants	35	834	40	163	31	183	32	1	1,319
Cork	Cases	555	5,529	288	9,040	1,303	2,887	135	17	19,754
	Defendants	239	3,849	174	3,711	621	830	82	17	9,523
Doire an Fhéich	Cases	15	241	44	181	16	132	12	0	641
	Defendants	8	179	24	96	15	41	12	0	375
Donegal	Cases	42	642	59	214	89	421	18	0	1,485
	Defendants	26	475	28	111	54	140	17	0	851
Drogheda	Cases	82	1,123	78	953	231	35	62	3	2,567
	Defendants	39	689	47	460	121	13	32	2	1,403
Dublin	Cases	1,542	24,000	2,664	77,312	1,811	21,098	1,001	102	129,530
	Defendants	891	16,770	1,628	24,357	1,087	4,771	421	96	50,021
Dundalk	Cases	146	1,060	99	1,197	193	105	57	0	2,857
	Defendants	40	617	42	472	126	26	43	0	1,366
Ennis	Cases	99	1,632	134	2,358	268	1,645	32	7	6,175
	Defendants	60	1,217	105	980	175	505	29	7	3,078
Fermoy	Cases	37	715	12	313	349	354	153	1	1,934
	Defendants	30	492	6	173	229	119	82	1	1,132
Galway	Cases	332	1,618	182	1,363	140	880	64	6	4,585
	Defendants	105	1,169	111	628	91	305	48	6	2,463
Kilkenny	Cases	64	1,215	22	1,699	33	125	14	1	3,173
	Defendants	32	881	19	694	23	50	14	1	1,714
Killarney	Cases	16	511	11	569	134	110	31	0	1,382
	Defendants	8	429	3	243	95	38	31	0	847

OFFICE		Imp/Det	Fines	Comm Serv/ Pro/ DPOA	Struck Out	Dismiss	TIC	Other/ Adourn Gen	Peace Bond	Total
Letterkenny	Cases	113	1,481	62	554	339	698	71	10	3,328
	Defendants	60	1,060	47	267	193	218	57	9	1,911
Limerick	Cases	294	4,962	320	8,985	353	3,670	171	44	18,799
	Defendants	169	3,678	214	5,584	261	953	89	42	10,990
Listowel	Cases	28	1,108	36	82	176	160	15	3	1,608
	Defendants	22	618	10	42	82	41	15	3	833
Longford	Cases	54	496	213	196	716	194	45	0	1,914
	Defendants	22	397	118	91	389	76	29	0	1,122
Loughrea	Cases	22	260	56	382	8	309	10	0	1,047
	Defendants	15	210	32	161	6	78	8	0	510
Mallow	Cases	82	581	24	237	322	431	31	0	1,708
	Defendants	58	364	15	91	176	140	24	0	868
Monaghan	Cases	106	1,046	66	1,015	237	203	30	20	2,723
	Defendants	70	794	54	519	155	74	25	18	1,709
Mullingar	Cases	66	428	173	146	856	236	16	2	1,923
	Defendants	33	349	90	65	380	86	12	2	1,017
Naas	Cases	126	2,227	125	2,755	136	1,166	52	12	6,599
	Defendants	96	1,531	89	1,237	100	344	43	12	3,452
Nenagh	Cases	16	329	45	640	10	263	18	0	1,321
	Defendants	12	267	29	268	10	79	17	0	682
Portlaoise	Cases	22	299	49	490	25	282	12	0	1,179
	Defendants	18	216	15	199	12	75	12	0	547
Roscommon	Cases	39	1,039	9	1,266	13	311	15	0	2,692
	Defendants	29	656	9	594	7	94	14	0	1,403
Sligo	Cases	30	899	73	846	425	494	31	0	2,798
	Defendants	16	691	36	406	210	107	27	0	1,493
Thurles	Cases	43	775	46	887	73	548	36	0	2,408
	Defendants	34	598	31	382	64	147	30	0	1,286
Tralee	Cases	13	751	59	785	97	150	18	0	1,873
	Defendants	11	607	55	295	83	52	18	0	1,121
Trim	Cases	35	2,751	96	3,002	187	483	43	2	6,599
	Defendants	26	1,793	67	1,278	111	188	38	2	3,503
Tuam	Cases	37	638	32	813	43	262	14	0	1,839
	Defendants	19	384	18	318	20	84	13	0	856
Tullamore	Cases	41	646	324	105	875	300	29	1	2,321
	Defendants	29	517	187	55	397	118	15	1	1,319
Waterford	Cases	114	2,042	56	3,438	59	292	87	6	6,094
	Defendants	54	1,393	33	1,502	33	107	56	5	3,183
Wexford	Cases	106	1,986	327	3,763	71	1,995	99	5	8,352
	Defendants	77	1,586	181	1,486	60	499	83	4	3,976
Youghal	Cases	119	1,129	25	602	281	782	69	1	3,008
	Defendants	73	825	11	318	176	233	44	1	1,681
Total	Cases	4,977	71,703	6,686	137,392	10,885	46,916	2,807	275	281,641
Total	Defendants	2,770	51,046	4,025	51,845	6,185	12,295	1,722	256	130,144

DISTRICT COURT

SPECIFIC ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Outcome	DANGEROUS DRIVING		DRINK DRIVING		UNAUTHORISED TAKINGS OF MOTOR VEHICLES	
	Offences	Offenders	Offences	Offenders	Offences	Offenders
Community Service Order	36	34	75	72	45	43
Detention	68	56	20	19	175	141
Detention Suspended	28	18	2	2	37	34
Dismiss	261	237	867	837	68	59
Fines	1,243	1,160	11,899	11,557	87	81
Imprisonment	340	243	572	525	244	207
Imprisonment Suspended	89	73	282	271	63	61
Peace Bond	52	50	160	157	65	63
Poor Box	8	8	0	0	1	1
Probation	64	42	83	76	95	80
Struck Out	1,242	870	1,262	1,180	306	278
Taken Into Consideration	793	477	1,147	1,059	271	231
Withdrawn	444	315	286	266	58	55
Reduced Charge	660	651	3	3	0	0
Disqualification	1,283	1,074	12,639	12,168	248	214
Sent forward for Trial	97	86	7	5	170	148
Endorsements	164	156	803	785	19	16
Other	79	52	150	145	40	36
Total	6,951	5,602	30,257	29,127	1,992	1,748

DISTRICT COURT

JUVENILE

Cases dealt with	Defendants	Offences
Community service	49	113
Detention	537	1390
Dismiss	145	311
Dismiss on probation	236	450
Disqualified	132	251
Fine	237	427
No order	126	355
Other	49	82
Peace bond	102	144
Poor box	2	3
Probation order	331	1022
Strike out	619	1703
Returned to higher court on trial	121	286
Withdrawn	127	242
Grand Total	2,813	6,779

SECTION 3 CIVIL

PERSONAL INJURY:

HIGH COURT

Cases Issued	2007	2006
Assault Cases	144	292
Medical Negligence Cases	566	334
Personal Injury Summonses	5,951	2,673
Personal Injury Summonses (Fatal actions)	7	3
Section 12 PIAB Act	32	70

Awards were made in 133 personal injury cases in the High Court in 2007. Judgment was either on consent or followed a hearing or disclosed terms of consent. The highest award was €2.5m and the lowest award was €7,500.00. The total amount awarded in all cases was €21,847,190.00

Awards made	Cases
€0 to €37,999	39
€38,000 to €99,999	56
€100,000 to €199,999	18
€200,000 to €999,999	15
€1m +	5
TOTAL	133

LISTED FOR HEARING

Dublin	2007	2006
On hand at 01/01	9,143	8,754
Received	2,691	2,837
Disposed of	5,910	2,448
Outstanding as of 31/12	5,942	9,143

Provincial venues Dundalk	2007	2006
On hand at 01/01	452	542
Received	164	363
Disposed of	492	453
Outstanding as of 31/12	124	452

Galway	2007	2006
On hand at 01/01	200	498
Received	328	358
Disposed of	388	656
Outstanding as of 31/12	140	200

Cork	2007	2006
On hand at 01/01	534	681
Received	507	409
Disposed of	336	556
Outstanding as of 31/12	695	534

Limerick	2007	2006
On hand at 01/01	794	923
Received	563	536
Disposed of	308	665
Outstanding as of 31/12	1,049	794

Sligo	2007	2006
On hand at 01/01	250	388
Received	168	190
Disposed of	291	328
Outstanding as of 31/12	127	250

Waterford	2007	2006
On hand at 01/01	239	274
Received	146	148
Disposed of	130	183
Outstanding as of 31/12	155	239

Kilkenny	2007	2006
On hand at 01/01	132	167
Received	79	65
Disposed of	190	100
Outstanding as of 31/12	21	132

Total	2007	2006
On hands 01/01	11,744	12,227
Received	4,646	4,906
Disposed of	8,045	5,389
On hands 31/12	8,074	11,744

Orders Made	2007	2006
Assessment of damages	102	119
Dismissed	48	69
Liability in issue	58	85
Settled at hearing	236	259
Listed but settled before hearing	2,623	2,781
Fatal settled	160	118
Minor settled	243	273
Assessment of damages settled	59	61

CIRCUIT COURT:

	Cases issued	Notice of trials disposed of
	7,154	2,826

Awards made by the circuit court or settlements ruled	Cases
Carlow	9
Cavan	6
Clare	16
Cork	142
Donegal	27
Dublin	298
Galway	67
Kerry	32
Kildare	13
Kilkenny	20
Laois	8
Leitrim	2
Limerick	48

Longford	3
Louth	95
Mayo	25
Meath	27
Monaghan	12
Offaly	18
Roscommon	6
Sligo	4
Tipperary	53
Waterford	26
Westmeath	4
Wexford	5
Wicklow	2
TOTAL	968

Awards were made or approved in 968 personal injury cases. The lowest amount awarded was €500.00, the highest €99,174.00. The total amount awarded in all cases was €13,537,667.75.

Awards made	Cases
€0 to €9,999	350
€10,000 to €19,999	414
€20,000 to €29,999	143
€30,000 +	61
Total	968

Outcome of notice of trials and motions disposed of	
Settled	1,469
Dealt with by court	1,147
Adjourned	539
Total	3,155

OTHER CIVIL CASES:

HIGH COURT

CIRCUIT COURT APPEALS

Cases Issued	2007	2006
Northern Circuit	3	9
Southern Circuit	21	22
Eastern Circuit	12	12
Western Circuit	9	11
Midland Circuit	5	12
Dublin Circuit	107	137
South Western Circuit	7	3
Applications to extend time to Appeal	51	48
Total (Excl. High Court on Circuit)	215	254

Orders Made	2007	2006
Family Law Appeals	56	47
Circuit Appeal Final	119	162
Stay Circuit Court Order	5	10
Extend time to Appeal	22	36

CHANCERY MATTERS

Cases Issued	2007	2006
Restoration of Company to Register	193	203
Winding Up Company	120	98
Examinership	24	8
Section 205 Petitions	18	22
Section 106	20	7
Section 150 Companies Acts*	55	50
Section 160	6	21
Other Applications pursuant to Companies Acts	5	53

* see also page 100.

Orders Made	2007	2006
Restore of Company to Register	196	195
Wind Up Company	42	32
Examiner Appointed	19	5
Interim Examiner Appointed	3	5
Section 106	20	6
Section 150 Granted*	85	76
Section 150 Refused*	11	17
Section 160 Granted	10	8
Section 160 Refused	2	2
Other Companies Acts Orders	313	245
Chancery Action: Hearing Final	58	54
Chancery Action: Settled Final	154	163
Chancery Action: Settled at Hearing Final	65	50

Chancery: Special Summons Final	105	102
Injunctions: interim	162	145
Injunctions: interlocutory	55	54
Mortgage Suit (Well charging Order)	33	36
Possession Orders	109	61
Other Chancery Orders	470	582

* **see also page 100.**

REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS

Cases Issued	2007	2006
Dentists Acts	3	1
Medical Council Matters	27	29
Nurses Acts	35	19
Solicitors Matters	17	4

Orders Made	2007	2006
Medical Council Matters Interim	15	10
Medical Council Matters Final	23	16
Nurses Acts Interim	13	2
Nurses Acts Final	28	19
Solicitors Act Interim	42	-
Solicitors Final Act	50	-

ACTIONS TO RECOVER DEBT

Cases Issued	2007	2006
European Enforcement Order	8	2
Examination of Debtors	1	12
Foreign Judgments	48	36
Revenue Summons	818	901
Summary Summons	2,292	1,894

Orders Made	2007	2006
Foreign Judgments	42	25
Liberty to enter final judgment	303	267
Court judgment on foot of summary proceedings	45	45
Appoint receiver (equitable execution)	7	10
Garnishee conditional Order	20	19
Garnishee Final Order	10	11

JUDICIAL REVIEW

Cases Issued	2007	2006
*Asylum	1,024	909
Certiorari	320	289
Certiorari & Declaration	58	67
Injunction	49	53
Mandamus	95	90
Planning	49	50
Prohibition	87	74
Public Procurement	1	3

ASYLUM Orders Made	2007	2006
Leave to apply Granted	263	139
Leave to apply Refused	56	44
Final Order Granted	24	21
Final Order Refused	25	24
Miscellaneous Interim Order	98	147
Final Order (Settled)	343	358

Orders Made	2007	2006
Certiorari Granted	148	128

Orders Made	2007	2006
Mandamus Granted	2	10

PLANNING Orders Made	2007	2006
Leave to Apply granted	8	16
Planning Declaration Final	2	2
Planning Injunction Final	1	1
Planning Mandamus Final	0	1
Planning Refused Final	8	12
Planning Strike Out Final	7	1

PROHIBITION Orders Made	2007	2006
Granted	11	18

Orders Made	2007	2006
Leave to Apply Granted	494	561
Leave to Apply Refused	57	56
Interim Order	226	187
Refused Final	115	70
Strike Out Final	151	123

* *Cases in the Asylum List include all Judicial Review Applications brought under legislative provisions relating to asylum, immigration and refugees. Respondents include the Office of the Refugee Appeals Commissioner, the Refugee Appeals Tribunal and the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform.*

NON-JURY MATTERS

Cases Issued	2007	2006
Breach of Contract	597	613
Nuisance	5	16
Negligence	338	300
Probate	22	27

Orders Made	2007	2006
Final	27	11
Settled at hearing	13	6
Settled	102	51
Interim	40	-

JURY MATTERS

Cases Issued	2007	2006
Defamation	25	25
False Imprisonment	20	18
Libel	88	106
Slander	13	8

Orders Made	2007	2006
Jury Final Order	5	6
Jury Settled	29	21

STATESIDE MATTERS

Cases Issued	2007	2006
Case Stated from District Court	36	33
Habeas Corpus Applications	200	179

Orders Made	2007	2006
Case Stated from District Court	29	27
Case Stated Revenue	6	3

Orders Made	2007	2006
Habeas Corpus Conditional Ex Parte	161	131
Ex Parte Refused	24	24
Refuse Final	30	39
Release Final	96	53

OTHER MATTERS

Cases Issued	2007	2006
Admiralty	14	11
Applications to take evidence	15	14
Appeal from Determination of Pension Ombudsman	0	4
Arbitration Matters	39	30
Conversion	10	5
Criminal Justice Act applications	5	4
Declarations	587	662
Employment Equality Act Applications	2	3
European Convention on Human Rights	1	4
European Arrest Warrants	207	171
Extradition	1	1
Freedom of Information	5	5
Forfeiture	4	4
Garda Compensation	317	171
Hepatitis C Appeal	16	18

Injunctions	409	338
Minor Cases	21	25
Mortgage Suit	95	74
Partition Acts	3	3
Patents Acts	2	10
Possession Orders	375	237
Rescission	29	24
Specific Performance	303	259
Succession	60	62
Section 160 Planning & Development Act 2000	28	16
State Property Act	1	1
Transfer of Prisoners	7	20
Trade Marks Act	1	3
Trespass	21	25
Trustee Matters	16	19
Vendor & Purchaser	11	8
Waste Management Acts	3	4
Water Pollution Acts	0	2

ADMIRALTY Orders Made	2007	2006
Interim	11	3
Final	3	6

EUROPEAN ARREST WARRANTS		
Orders Made	2007	2006
Final Order	57	37
Final Order (Consent)	33	30
Refused	5	11
Remand in Custody	23	31
Warrant to Arrest	13	18
Bail	64	37
Endorse Warrant	144	99
Outgoing	32	40
Miscellaneous	28	20

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION		
Orders Made	2007	2006
Information Commissioner Appeal Allowed	0	0
Information Commissioner Appeal Refused	1	2

Orders Made		
	2007	2006
Garda Compensation	158	150
Hepatitis C Appeals	16	36

SECTION 160 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000		
Orders Made	2007	2006
Interim Order	3	9
Final Order	8	7

CRIMINAL ASSETS BUREAU MATTERS		
Orders Made	2007	2006
Section 2 (Interim)	15	5
Section 3 (Interlocutory)	7	4
Section 7 (Receiver)	7	5
Miscellaneous	50	104

Masters Orders		
	2007	2006
Adopt from Circuit Court	465	637
Adjourn to Plenary Hearing	106	74
Amend Summons	171	165
Discovery	1,009	1,220
Dismiss Plaintiff's Claim	51	121
Extend Time for Discovery	80	108
Extend time for delivery of Statement of Claim	48	117
Join a Co-Defendant	131	141
Payment out of funds in Court	66	65
Remit to Circuit Court	184	264
Renew Summons	11	20
Refuse Application	218	227
Strike Out Motion with Costs	630	943
Other Masters Orders	772	742

Interim payment out of redress board award	2007	2006
	150	118

COMMERCIAL COURT

Cases on hand 01/01	130
Cases entered	196
Cases disposed of	173
Cases on hand 31/12	107

Analysis of cases disposed of	
Motion to dismiss	24
Settled after entry	5
Settled after directions hearing	42
Settled after hearing date set	16
Settled after pre-trial conference	2
Settled at hearing	37
Full hearing	47

WRITTEN JUDGMENTS*

Principal cause of action	Number of judgments
Chancery	65
Personal Injury	30
Companies Acts	16
Non Jury (debt, breach of contract, negligence)	29
Proceeds of Crime Act	2
Arbitration	2
Freedom of Information Act	2
Judicial Review (excluding asylum prohibition and planning)	68

Judicial Review (prohibition)	14
Judicial Review (Asylum related)	72
Judicial Review (planning)	7
S. 160 Planning and Development Act 2000	1
Probate	1
Succession Act	3
Patents Act	1
Trademarks Act 1996	1
Arbitration	4
ECHR	2
Commercial List	25
European Arrest Warrant	25
Taxes Consolidation Act	1
Residential Tenancies Act 2004	1
Employees Fixed Term Work Act 2003	2
Payment of Wages Act 1991	1
Appeal from Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal	2
Hepatitis C Appeal	2
Determination of Pensions Ombudsman	1
Admiralty	1
Family Law (Judicial Separation)	2
Family Law (Divorce)	1
Habeas Corpus / Article 40 Constitution	13
Hague Luxembourg Convention	6
Total	403

* figures do not include all judgments delivered

CENTRAL OFFICE

	2007	2006
Admit (notice to)	25	38
Affidavit	34,779	32,938
Affidavit of Service	4,907	3,913
Notice of Appeal	217	257
Appearance	11,475	8,545
Books of Appeal	147	194
Notice of Indemnity & Contribution	459	461
Cert of Readiness	414	369
Discontinuance	1,496	2,032
Fifa	1,208	914
Default Judgment	881	576
Judgment Mortgage Affidavit	471	402
Judgment on foot of Master's Order	196	157
Lis Pendens	239	127
Master's Motion	3,980	4,741
Notice to Attorney General	2	8
Cert of no appearance	893	632
Notice of Intention to proceed	2,568	3,044
Notice of Appointment of Solicitor	61	76
Notice of Change of Solicitor	2,645	2,740
Notice of discharge of Solicitor	35	42
Notice of Motion (Court)	11,513	11,830
Notice to cross examine	102	104
Notice of Terms of Settlement (PIAB)	55	8
Notice to produce	1,560	1,476
Notice to Trustees	54	42
Statement of Opposition	493	527
Possession Order	43	32

Renew Fifa	52	9
Register High Court judgment	296	218
S. 5 Cert (Judicial Separation)	33	28
S. 6 Cert (Judicial Separation)	29	27
S. 6 Cert (Divorce)	13	16
S. 7 Cert (Divorce)	16	14
Satisfaction Piece	40	39
Setting Down	5,356	5,443
Statement of claim	170	215
Statement of Affairs	39	38
Statement to ground judicial review application	1,803	1,625
Submissions	605	390
Third party notice	203	185
Vacate lis pendens	30	31
Withdraw case by letters	171	226
Total	90,143	85,029

Other activity

Notice As To Stock	73
Withdrawal of Notice as to Stock	4
Unclaimed Dividends	11
Bills of sale/Chattel Mortgage	9
Vacate of Bonds	18
Deed Polls (Enrolled only)	456
Power of Attorney Enrolled	12
Power of Attorney Filed	1

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SOLICITOR FOR MINORS AND WARDS OF COURT

	2007	2006
Wardship cases	463	467

Reason person admitted to wardship	Cases
Acquired Brain Injury	49
Elderly Mental Infirm	149
Learning or Intellectual Disability	103
Minor	10
Pending cases	6
Psychiatric Illness	144
Residential Abuse	2
Total number of wards	463

Funds held:

At December 31st 2007, the balance in the Committee Account (on behalf of Wards and Minors) amounted to €897,000.

OFFICE OF WARDS OF COURT

	2007	2006
Wardship cases	2,280	2,663
Applications awaiting hearing	261	499
Miscellaneous applications	339	-
Total	2,880	3,162

Order Made	2007	2006
Inquiry orders	209	206
Declaration orders	186	204
Declaration orders (minors)	9	27
Dismissal orders	155	158
Orders (other)	500	593

Enduring Powers of Attorney	2007	2006
Registered	191	168

PROBATE OFFICE

PRINCIPAL REGISTRY

	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	6,021	5,585
Intestacies	2,106	1,835
Personal applicants (included in above)	1,458	1,199
Caveats	641	628
Appearances	55	43
Other forms of proceedings: citations	36	27
Warnings	90	57

Probates and Administrations Granted	2007	2006
On foot of court action	57	36
In the registry without decree or order of the court	8,070	7,420
Revocation of probate or administration	40	16

Fees Generated by office	2007 (€)	2006 (€)
Total amount of fees received	2,770,398	2,357,164
Fees on personal applications	*664,681	*540,622

* included in total figure

LOCAL REGISTRIES

Castlebar	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	465	387
Intestacies	190	151

Cavan	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	151	160
Intestacies	95	79

Clonmel	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	515	487
Intestacies	228	154

Cork	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	1,126	1,041
Intestacies	334	320

Dundalk	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	413	344
Intestacies	177	134

Galway	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	754	577
Intestacies	281	265

Kilkenny	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	375	359
Intestacies	146	140

Letterkenny	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	204	177
Intestacies	139	98

Limerick	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	829	648
Intestacies	350	225

Mullingar	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	254	265
Intestacies	86	118

Sligo	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	267	246
Intestacies	122	104

Tralee	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	407	368
Intestacies	169	167

Waterford	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	320	259
Intestacies	96	95

Wexford	2007	2006
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	365	336
Intestacies	156	113

**PROBATES
(AND ADMINISTRATIONS WITH WILLS ANNEXED)**

	2007	2006
Dublin	6,021	5,585
Local registries	6,445	5,653
TOTAL	12,466	11,238

Intestacies (No Valid Will)	2007	2006
Dublin	2,106	1,835
Local registries	2,569	2,163
TOTAL	4,675	3,998

EXAMINERS' OFFICE

Cases completed	2007	2006
Liquidations	75	100
Mortgage suits	15	15

Examiners' Certificates filed	2007	2006
	218	245

Court Orders Made	2007	2006
Liquidations	311	283
Mortgage suits	37	37

Bankruptcy Court	2007	2006
Petitions	20	11
Adjudications	4	8
Bankruptcies annulled or discharged	12	11

Section 150 Companies act, 1990	2007	2006
Motions issued	21 (including 1 Sec 160 Motion)	22
Dealt with	29 (including 1 Sec 160 motion)	23

Restriction / Disqualification Orders 2007 in Court Liquidations				
Year	Directors restricted	Directors disqualified	Directors neither restricted nor disqualified	Total number of directors dealt with
2007	48	6	15	69

Restriction Orders 2006 in Court Liquidations			
Year	Directors restricted	Directors not restricted	Total number of directors dealt with
2006	32	17	49

OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE IN BANKRUPTCY

	On hand 01/01	Received	Disposed of	On hand 31/12
Bankruptcies	470	4	12	462
Arrangements	23	1	0	24

Cases disposed of	
Annulled	2
Discharged	10

Analysis of bankruptcies discharged	
Section 41*	6
Section 85(3)(a)(1)**	2
Section 85(4)(c)***	1
Section 85(4)(a)****	1

* Section 41 – An offer of composition.

** Section 85(3)(a)(1) – Payment of 100% dividend.

*** Section 85(4)(c) – 12 year rule and all assets realised.

**** Section 85(4)(a) – Payment of 50% or more in the euro

PROOF OF DEBT

	Number of Cases
Advertisement for Creditors	21

	Commenced	Completed
Bankrupts	20	24
Arranging Debtors	2	2

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	Amounts	Number of Cases (3)
Funds Received(2)	€2,035,174.22	37
Total Payments out (1)(2)	€594,238.75	47
Of which paid to Creditors		
55 Payments to Ordinary Creditors	€217,401.86	10
4 Payments to Preferential Creditors	€72,019.56	4
Of which paid as Costs & Expenses	€273,613.47	-
Of which paid as High Court Fees	€31,203.86	9

(1) Also includes costs, fees and expenses of petitioning creditors and Official Assignee. Some of these would be relatively minor e.g. payment for advertisements to prove debts, etc.

(2) Does not include amounts paid in and returned in respect of petitions struck out.

(3) Where there were a number of payments in respect of a single case, the case is only counted once.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (PERSONAL INSOLVENCY) REGULATIONS 2002

Entries on 01/01/07	12
Entries in 2007	3
Entries on 31/12/07	15*

* This figure comprises entries from the following countries: Northern Ireland (2), England (5), United Kingdom (7) and Germany (1).

OFFICE OF THE TAXING MASTER

	2007	2006
Bills certified	562	486
Items certified	56,246	53,797
Costs claimed	€41,258,555.55	€41,218,047.94
Costs allowed	€29,735,485.47	€30,490,854.52
Fees (duty)	€2,002,523.00	€1,327,594.48
Duty on summonses	€151,690.00	€141,460.00

CIRCUIT COURT

Cause of Action	Cases issued
Breach of Contract	15,481
Employment Law	204
Equity	3,288
Landlord and Tenant	399
Testamentary	546
Other	3,363
Total	23,281

Cases initiated	2007	2006
Carlow	553	330
Cavan	408	357
Clare	819	509
Cork	3,875	3,071
Donegal	923	669
Dublin	9,996	8,629
Galway	886	1,350
Kerry	830	757
Kildare	1,236	1,063
Kilkenny	340	447
Laois	338	286
Leitrim	159	154
Limerick	1,547	1,212
Longford	281	197
Louth	928	791
Mayo	741	812
Meath	902	833
Monaghan	343	363
Offaly	440	345
Roscommon	309	304
Sligo	326	299
Tipperary	1,151	969
Waterford	874	793
Westmeath	565	516
Wexford	866	811
Wicklow	799	636
TOTAL	30,435	26,503

	Civil Trials Dealt With	Motions Dealt With	District Court Civil Appeals	High Court Appeals Heard
Carlow	42	183	2	4
Cavan	81	186	4	0
Clare	65	326	36	2
Cork	893	1,626	73	65
Donegal	310	643	8	15
Dublin	2,313	6,171	136	107
Galway	253	1,276	38	11
Kerry	242	673	8	8
Kildare	158	321	18	9
Kilkenny	49	294	4	0
Laois	64	146	2	2
Leitrim	58	121	8	4
Longford	38	160	2	8
Louth	322	431	8	18
Limerick	561	701	43	36
Mayo	156	368	6	24
Meath	172	550	2	0
Monaghan	56	131	0	2
Offaly	55	160	1	2
Roscommon	38	190	6	9
Sligo	64	340	11	7
Tipperary	213	545	12	32
Waterford	135	374	20	30
Westmeath	43	241	5	6
Wexford	22	188	5	7
Wicklow	154	428	0	4
Total	6,557	16,773	458	412

Cases disposed of	
Settled	5,680
Dealt with by court	6,557
Adjourned	5,909
Total	18,146

Cases disposed of Cause of Action	Application granted	Application refused	Plaintiff awarded compensation	Defendant ordered to comply with conditions
Breach of Contract	407	90	129	68
Employment Law	17	4	12	3
Equity	450	92	57	100
Landlord and Tenant	62	2	6	6
Testamentary	32	7	2	7
Other	503	104	102	28
Total	1,471	299	308	212

Judgments marked in the office	
2007	8,291
2006	7,989

DISTRICT COURT

Applications disposed of	
Ejectment proceedings	43
Summary judgment	23,389
Small claims	3,628
Ordinary civil process	7,685
Summons for attendance of debtor	13,459
Summonses of a civil nature	7,396
Instalment orders	10,842
Committal orders	6,425
Other	664
Total	73,531

SMALL CLAIMS PROCEDURE

Applications received	2007	2006
Holidays	375	393
Professional services	164	148
Dry cleaners	107	105
Building	109	105
Damage to private property	303	158
Key money	62	41
Electrical goods	341	309
Audio/computer	172	225
Clothing	102	93
Shoes	66	70
Furniture	311	160
Carpets/flooring	86	88
Doors/roofs	82	73
Cars	251	207
Other	1,203	815
Total	3,734	2,990

Claims disposed of	2007	2006
Cases not covered by procedure	589	44
Cases not proceeded with	384	400
Decrees by default	294	377
Settled by Registrar	1,504	1,326
Referred to court	857	730
Total	3,628	2,877

Cases adjudicated by court	2007	2006
Decrees granted	411	377
Cases dismissed	154	101
Cases struck out/withdrawn	292	252
Total	857	730

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 107 AND SECTION 108 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1992

Section 107	2007	2006
Received	12	11
Successful	6	6

Section 108	2007	2006
Received	73	96
Successful	57	36

SECTION 4 FAMILY LAW

DIVORCE, JUDICIAL SEPARATION AND NULLITY

CHANGING TRENDS: APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

	Divorce		Judicial separation		Nullity	
	High	Circuit	High	Circuit	High	Circuit
2007	28	4,081	52	1,689	0	60
2006	39	3,986	50	1,789	1	60
2005	30	4,096	49	1,658	1	50
2004	34	3,880	48	1,654	0	51
2003	42	3,733	53	1,802	1	92
2002	33	3,912	59	1,871	2	52
2001	31	3,459	76	1,845	8	109
2000	39	3,339	76	1,592	8	84

CHANGING TRENDS: ORDERS GRANTED

	Divorce		Judicial separation		Nullity	
	High	Circuit	High	Circuit	High	Circuit
2007	26	3,658	18	1,167	1	27
2006	47	3,420	27	1,072	0	25
2005	20	3,391	23	950	6	37
2004	42	3,305	42	1,216	5	20
2003	41	2,929	26	1,206	4	33
2002	20	2,571	28	940	1	40
2001	20	2,817	27	1,018	4	59
2000	30	2,710	27	998	5	47

Applications Received	2007		2006	
	High	Circuit	High	Circuit
Divorce	28	4,081	39	3,986
Judicial separation	52	1,689	50	1,789
Nullity	0	60	1	60

Orders Granted	2007		2006	
	High	Circuit	High	Circuit
Divorce	26	3,658	47	3,420
Judicial separation	18	1,167	27	1,072
Nullity	1	27	0	25

While the High Court and the Circuit Court have concurrent jurisdiction in family law matters, there is a right of appeal from the Circuit to the High Court in family law cases.

HIGH COURT

Judicial Separation	
Initiated by wife	47
Initiated by husband	5

Divorce	
Initiated by wife	14
Initiated by husband	17

Guardianship of Children	
Initiated by father	8
Initiated by mother	1

Other Cases Initiated	2007	2006
Adoption	4	24
Appeals from the Circuit Court	123	89
Hague/Luxembourg Convention (child abduction)	45	46
Maintenance	0	2
Guardianship	10	4
Total	182	165

Other Orders Granted	2007	2006
Adoption Final	8	9
Family Law Appeals	56	47
Hague/Luxembourg Convention interim	97	90
Hague/Luxembourg Convention Remain Final Consent	9	29
Hague/Luxembourg Convention Remain Final Court	3	0
Hague/Luxembourg Convention Return Final Consent	20	12
Hague/Luxembourg Convention Return Final Court	2	3
Hague/Luxembourg Convention Assess Child	15	2
Maintenance	6	1
Interim Access	9	14
Other Family Orders	206	247

CIRCUIT COURT

Applications Received	2007	2006
Divorce	4,081	3,986
Judicial separation	1,689	1,789
Nullity	60	60
Section 33 Family Law Act, 1995*	739	903
Family law appeals	593	610

* *Section 33 of the Family Law Act, 1995 allows the court dispense with the necessity to give three months notice of intention to marry and/or allow people under the age of eighteen to marry.*

Orders Granted	2007	2006
Divorce	3,658	3,420
Judicial separation	1,167	1,072
Nullity	27	25
Section 33	546	836

CIRCUIT COURT: COUNTRYWIDE

Gender of applicants	Judicial separation		Divorce		Nullity		District Court appeals	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Applications received	499	1,190	1,651	2,430	28	32	252	341
Orders granted	342	825	1,471	2,187	14	13	241	293

PROVINCIAL ONLY

Cases disposed of by gender of applicants	Judicial separation		Divorce		Nullity		District Court appeals	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Settled out of court	25	98	131	174	0	0	15	12
Settled in court	71	247	413	743	2	10	43	41
Full hearing	66	214	404	522	10	7	48	45

PROVINCIAL ONLY

Orders made by gender of applicants	Judicial separation		Divorce		Nullity		District Court appeals	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Periodic payment to spouse	30	156	132	171	1	0	18	21
Periodic payment to child	52	177	186	223	0	0	13	23
Lump sum payment to spouse	35	113	96	130	2	0	1	1
Lump sum payment to Child	2	13	6	9	0	0	0	0
Pension Adjustment Order	50	135	434	613	0	2	0	1
Transfer of family home	57	218	135	202	3	0	0	0
Sale of family home	17	89	25	91	0	0	0	0
Residence in family home	7	76	20	64	3	0	0	0
Other property order	18	60	50	81	4	0	1	1
Extinguish succession rights	117	444	925	1,415	21	0	0	0
Custody/Access orders	71	255	197	363	9	1	45	36
Domestic Violence Orders	1	12	13	28	1	0	17	16

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND GRANTED BY COUNTY										
Applications		Judicial Separation		Divorce		Nullity		Section 33	District Court Appeals	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Applicants	Male	Female
Carlow	Received	8	7	21	24	1	0	17	8	2
	Granted	3	6	23	30	2	0	7	5	1
Cavan	Received	8	19	22	19	2	1	16	5	1
	Granted	2	12	17	33	0	0	14	2	1
Clare	Received	7	40	34	52	3	3	8	1	1
	Granted	5	6	14	24	0	0	8	0	0
Cork	Received	57	115	152	253	3	8	71	35	47
	Granted	31	114	197	274	5	4	69	39	41
Donegal	Received	7	28	54	51	1	0	39	7	2
	Granted	6	14	38	72	0	0	20	0	2
Dublin	Received	214	320	582	872	5	5	226	118	177
	Granted	186	278	514	772	2	3	200	120	180
Galway	Received	36	124	89	142	5	3	47	2	3
	Granted	9	62	50	73	1	1	8	2	3
Kerry	Received	8	27	29	53	0	0	1	1	3
	Granted	4	22	32	52	0	0	1	2	0
Kildare	Received	13	43	61	78	0	1	17	6	5
	Granted	20	45	69	91	0	0	23	11	9
Kilkenny	Received	2	22	37	37	0	0	3	0	0
	Granted	10	18	38	48	0	0	2	0	0
Laois	Received	6	14	30	26	0	0	14	3	1
	Granted	2	7	18	16	0	0	13	4	2
Leitrim	Received	0	6	8	21	1	1	11	0	1
	Granted	1	6	9	16	0	0	10	0	2
Limerick	Received	40	67	85	119	0	1	30	9	13
	Granted	13	18	36	55	0	1	0	0	0
Longford	Received	0	11	12	13	0	0	10	0	3
	Granted	1	4	14	6	0	0	9	0	2

Applications		Judicial Separation		Divorce		Nullity		Section 33	District Court Appeals	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Applicants	Male	Female
Louth	Received	7	32	41	47	0	0	43	7	22
	Granted	3	42	44	78	2	2	37	6	19
Mayo	Received	6	43	59	71	0	1	21	5	7
	Granted	3	23	33	46	1	1	19	3	3
Meath	Received	8	49	20	90	2	1	32	9	3
	Granted	9	35	45	87	0	0	9	0	0
Monaghan	Received	0	19	13	26	0	2	5	2	4
	Granted	1	10	7	29	0	0	2	1	0
Offaly	Received	3	21	19	30	0	0	10	2	0
	Granted	5	6	11	25	0	0	2	6	0
Roscommon	Received	3	11	22	23	0	0	2	1	0
	Granted	2	7	20	21	0	0	1	1	0
Sligo	Received	7	15	26	33	3	1	16	0	2
	Granted	2	15	20	36	0	0	5	1	1
Tipperary	Received	6	39	49	82	2	1	20	6	4
	Granted	2	19	67	79	1	0	20	10	4
Waterford	Received	9	28	37	76	0	2	8	3	5
	Granted	5	14	33	46	0	0	8	7	5
Westmeath	Received	11	26	30	52	0	1	19	1	9
	Granted	0	8	31	41	0	1	16	5	3
Wexford	Received	15	20	44	74	0	0	27	7	9
	Granted	5	19	35	76	0	0	20	8	4
Wicklow	Received	18	44	75	66	0	0	26	14	17
	Granted	11	15	56	61	0	0	23	8	11

DISTRICT COURT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT, 1996

2007

Applicant	Applications	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn /struck out
Barring orders	3,355	1,420	115	1,820
Safety orders	3,553	1,556	296	1,701
Protection orders	3,794	3,235	363	188
Interim barring orders	692	586	78	28

2006

Applicant	Applications	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn /struck out
Barring orders	3,132	1,357	93	1,682
Safety orders	3,050	1,221	103	1,726
Protection orders	3,137	2,845	99	193
Interim barring orders	605	544	26	35

PROTECTION ORDERS

2007

Applicant	Granted	Interim barring in lieu	Refused	Withdrawn /struck out
Spouse	1,741	5	305	111
Common law	947	3	39	55
Parent	467	0	12	15
Other	80	0	1	3
Health Board	0	0	6	4
Total	3,235	8	363	188

2006

Applicant	Granted	Interim barring in lieu	Refused	Withdrawn /struck out
Spouse	1,611	0	58	109
Common law	862	0	25	70
Parent	316	0	10	13
Other	50	0	4	0
Health Board	6	0	2	1
Total	2,845	0	99	193

SAFETY ORDERS

2007

Applicant	Granted	Refused	With- drawn /struck out
Spouse	751	211	953
Common law	523	42	487
Parent	219	7	232
Other	62	36	16
Health Board	1	0	13
Total	1,556	296	1,701

2006

Applicant	Granted	Refused	With- drawn /struck out
Spouse	693	38	981
Common law	404	8	469
Parent	102	45	223
Other	22	12	53
Health Board	0	0	0
Total	1,221	103	1,726

BARRING ORDERS

2007

Applicant	Granted	Refused	With- drawn /struck out
Spouse	731	74	1,022
Common law	445	30	496
Parent	198	11	267
Other	43	0	10
Health Board	3	0	25
Total	1,420	115	1,820

2006

Applicant	Granted	Refused	With- drawn /struck out
Spouse	727	62	953
Common law	425	20	462
Parent	200	11	247
Other	5	0	16
Health Board	0	0	4
Total	1,357	93	1,682

INTERIM BARRING ORDERS

2007

Applicant	Granted	Refused	With- drawn /struck out
Spouse	312	59	17
Common law	220	15	9
Parent	52	4	2
Other	0	0	0
Health Board	2	0	0
Total	586	78	28

2006

Applicant	Granted	Refused	With- drawn /struck out
Spouse	298	17	14
Common law	157	2	11
Parent	86	6	3
Other	2	0	0
Health Board	1	0	0
Total	544	25	28

Changing Trends	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Barring order applications	4,908	4,470	4,067	3,586	3,210	3,183	3,132	3,355
Barring orders granted	2,319	2,067	1,740	1,575	1,295	1,265	1,357	1,420
Protection order applications	4,381	4,263	3,677	3,109	3,054	2,850	3,137	3,794
Protection orders granted	3,467	3,711	3,248	2,814	2,810	2,622	2,845	3,235
Safety order applications	2,336	2,903	2,814	2,557	2,611	2,866	3,050	3,553
Safety orders granted	988	1,232	1,187	1,108	987	1,037	1,221	1,556
Interim barring order applications	506	1,159	852	629	698	622	605	692
Interim barring orders granted	415	1,007	706	531	604	550	544	586

* Some interim barring orders were granted on foot of applications for protection orders. Likewise some protection orders were granted on foot of interim barring orders

CUSTODY AND ACCESS

2007

	Applications dealt with	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn /struck out
Custody & access	921	428	21	472
Custody only	814	330	43	441
Access only	3,475	2,334	75	1,066
Total	5,210	3,092	139	1,979

2006

	Applications dealt with	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn /struck out
Custody & access	900	566	41	293
Custody only	846	446	37	363
Access only	3,281	2,441	79	761
Total	5,027	3,453	157	1,417

GUARDIANSHIP

2007

	Applications dealt with	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn /struck out
Non-marital fathers Section 6(a)	1,962	1,258	51	653

2006

	Applications dealt with	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn /struck out
Non-marital fathers Section 6(a)	1,742	1,268	42	432

MAINTENANCE**2007**

	Applications dealt with	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn /struck out
Maintenance applications (married)	1,557	1,029	50	478
Maintenance applications (unmarried)	2,831	1,981	56	794
Maintenance Act, 1994 applications	9	6	1	2
Maintenance Foreign Jurisdictions Act, 1974	51	39	3	9
Total	4,448	3,055	110	1,283

2006

	Applications dealt with	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn /struck out
Maintenance applications (married)	1,493	1,000	50	443
Maintenance applications (unmarried)	2,652	1,860	42	750
Maintenance Act, 1994 applications	26	18	0	8
Maintenance Foreign Jurisdictions Act, 1974	36	31	2	3
Total	4,207	2,909	94	1,204

CHILDCARE

Supervision and care orders granted	2007	2006
Supervision orders	556	520
Care orders	1,201	1,125

The court may also grant interim care orders.

Childcare cases involve applications by the Health Service Executive (HSE) in relation to care of children, mainly applications to have children placed in the care of or under the supervision of the HSE temporarily or permanently.

SECTION 5 LICENSING

CIRCUIT COURT

Liquor licences granted	2007	2006
Pub	267	322
Hotel	62	98
Special restaurant	64	51
Club	16	20
Total	409	491

DISTRICT COURT

Applications dealt with	2007	2006
Renewal of publican licences	1,432	1,111
Temporary transfer of licence	967	1,121
Annual dance licence	1,635	1,625
Temporary dance licence	274	388
Restaurant certificate	1,145	1,157
Special exemption orders	90,691	91,157
Lottery licence	1,245	1,265
Other	9,943	8,897
Total	107,332	106,721

SECTION 6

WAITING TIMES

SUPREME COURT

The waiting time is calculated on the basis of the time between the lodgement of the certificate of readiness and the hearing date.

- PRIORITY CASES:** Cases where hearings are sought on the grounds of urgency. Hearing dates are allocated depending on the degree of urgency and the availability of dates – the majority being listed within **6 months** of admission to the priority list and in certain cases (e.g. child abduction appeals) within weeks.
- SHORT APPEALS:** Cases where the appeal is short and straightforward enough to be heard on a Friday after the motion list (usually an appeal from an interlocutory order or a short personal injury assessment). The average waiting time for short appeals is 12 months.
- ORDINARY APPEALS:** These cases comprise the ordinary waiting list. The waiting time at the end of December 2007 was 26 months. The longer the waiting period in the ordinary list the more applications are made for priority hearings, which in turn lengthen the waiting time in the ordinary list.

The average waiting time for all appeals heard in 2007 was 12 months.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL

- CONVICTION CASES:** 8-10 months
- SENTENCE APPEALS:** 6-8 months

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

MURDER AND RAPE TRIALS

8 months from the date of return for trial. The majority of cases in each category were concluded within **12 months** of return for trial

HIGH COURT

Section 150 Cos Act	4 weeks
Asylum pre-leave	26 months
Asylum post-leave	18 months
Bail	Date immediately available
Chancery: Monday motions list	4 weeks
Chancery: certified cases	9 months
Chancery: Special Summonses	4 weeks
Chancery: misc	8 months (cases taking less than 2 hours are dealt with sooner)
Common law	6 weeks
Commercial List	Date immediately available
Competition List	2 weeks
Criminal Assets Bureau	Date immediately available
Circuit Court appeals	4 weeks
Family law	Within 3 months
Garda Compensation	20 weeks
Hague Luxemburg Convention	Case must be dealt with within 6 weeks
Hep C Tribunal Appeals	Within 3 months
Jury List	7 months
Judicial Review	17 months (cases taking less than 2 hours are dealt with within 3-4 weeks)
Master's List	7 weeks (3 weeks for family law matters)
Non jury: misc	21 months (cases taking less than 2 hours will be dealt with sooner)
Non jury: Monday list	3 weeks
Non jury: certified	7 months
Personal injury: Cork	34 months
Personal injury: Dublin	3 weeks (max)
Personal injury: Dundalk	14 months
Personal injury: Galway	6 months
Personal injury: Kilkenny	11 months
Personal injury: Limerick	29 months
Personal injury: Sligo	15 months
Personal injury: Waterford	16 months
Rulings	1 week

CIRCUIT COURT								
Average Waiting Times in months								
County	Criminal		Civil			Family Law		
	Cases	Appeals	Cases	Appeals	Judicial Separation	Divorce	Nullity	Appeals
Carlow	15	24	15	15	12	12	12	12
Cavan	6-9	6	12-18	6	9-12	9-12	9-12	9-12
Clare	3-6	3	3-6	3	3-6	3	3	3
Cork	Next Sittings	Next Sittings	9 -12	9-12	3-6	3-6	3-6	3-6
Donegal	12	6	9-12	6	3-6	3-6	3-6	3-6
Dublin	15	6-7	3-4	2	3	3	3.5	3
Galway	3-6	Next Sittings	Next Sittings	Next Sittings	Next Sittings	Next Sittings	Next Sittings	Next Sittings
Kerry	3-6	Next Sittings	3-6	3-6	3-4	3-4	3-4	6
Kildare	18	6	24	24	18	18	18	Next Sittings
Kilkenny	12	3-6	18	18	12	12	12	12
Laois	6	6	12-18	6-12	6-12	6-9	Next Sittings	3-6
Leitrim	6	3	9	3	6	6	6	3
Limerick	3-6	3-6	18	18	3	3	3	3
Longford	6-12	6-12	12-18	12-18	6-9	3-6	3-6	3-6
Louth	3-6	3-6	12-18	3	6	6	6	3
Mayo	6	6	6	3	3	3	3	3
Meath	9-12	6	12-18	12-18	12	12	12	12
Monaghan	3-6	3	9-12	6	12	12	12	6
Offaly	Next Sittings	Next Sittings	3-6	Next Sittings	3-6	3-6	3-6	Next Sittings
Roscommon	9	3	6	6	3	3	3	3
Sligo	6	Next Sittings	6	Next Sittings	6	6	6	Next Sittings
Tipperary	18-36	18	12-18	12-18	18-24	18-24	18-24	18-24
Waterford	18 -36	6-12	18	12-18	12-18	12-18	12-18	4
Westmeath	6-9	Next Sittings	6-9	6-9	Next Sittings	Next Sittings	Next Sittings	Next Sittings
Wexford	12	6	24	Next Sittings	18	18	Next Sittings	Next Sittings
Wicklow	12	3	9	6	7-9	7-9	3	3

DISTRICT COURT			
Average Waiting Times in months			
Office	Criminal Cases	Civil Cases	Family Law
Athlone	1	1	1
Ballina	2	2	No Delay
Ballinasloe	1	1	1
Bray	13	9	4
Carlow	1	1	No Delay
Carrick-on-Shannon	2	4	No Delay
Castlebar	No delay	1	1
Cavan	2	2	1.5
Clonakilty	1	1	No Delay
Clonmel	2	4	1.5 - 2
Cork	3 to 6	2 to 3	4
Derrynea	No Delay	No Delay	No Delay
Donegal	2 to 3	2	No Delay
Drogheda	No Delay	No Delay	No Delay
Dundalk	3	No Delay	No Delay
Ennis	6 weeks	2	1
Fermoy	2	2	1
Galway	2	6 weeks	1
Kilkenny	5	2	2
Killarney	No Delay	No Delay	No Delay
Letterkenny	4	3	6
Limerick	2 weeks	2	2
Listowel	1	1	1
Longford	3	1	1
Loughrea	No Delay	No Delay	No Delay
Mallow	1	2	1
Monaghan	3	3	1
Mullingar	1.5	Up to 2	Up to 1
Naas	4 to 5	3	Up to 2
Nenagh	1	1	1
Portlaoise	Up to 2	Up to 2	Up to 2
Roscommon	No Delay	No Delay	No Delay
Sligo	No delay	No Delay	No Delay
Thurles	1	1	No Delay
Tralee	No Delay	3	2
Trim	2	1.5	up to 1
Tuam	No Delay	No Delay	1
Tullamore	1	1	1
Waterford	5	3	4
Wexford	12	6	No Delay
Youghal	3	3	3
Dublin	2.5	2	4
Dun Laoghaire	1	7	2.5
Swords	7	No Delay	2

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EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

	2007 € '000	2006 € '000
Current Expenditure		
Salaries and Wages	54,137	49,744
Travel and Subsistence	4,345	3,818
Staff and judicial training	1,249	1,095
Stenography and other fees	4,895	4,410
Legal services	1,044	799
Postal services	1,334	1,057
Telecommunications	1,169	1,427
Office equipment and materials	1,374	1,310
Courthouse maintenance	11,777	11,135
Heat, light and fuel costs	2,312	2,041
Furniture and fittings	891	1,229
Leases	6,152	6,086
Consultancy (Non I.T related)	319	126
Incorporated Council of Law Reporting of Ireland	41	41
Incidental/ miscellaneous costs	3,410	3,116
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Total Current Expenditure	94,449	87,434
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Telecommunications systems	28	36
ICT systems	9,231	8,362
Courthouses and other buildings	25,477	21,623
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Total Capital Expenditure	34,736	30,021
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Total Expenditure	129,185	117,455
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Income (Appropriations - in - Aid)		
Fees	29,191	32,688
Dormant Court Funds (Funds of Suitors)	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,041	878
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Total Income	30,232	33,566
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Net Expenditure	98,953	83,889

Note : These figures are provisional and subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General

STATEMENT ON INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS

As Accounting Officer the Chief Executive prepares a statement of internal financial controls to accompany the annual financial statements. This statement addresses the internal control environment within the Service with particular regard to the financial control environment, the framework of administration, management reporting and internal control.

The following statement by the Chief Executive was included with the 2007 Appropriation Account. The initiatives are consistent with best practice in the area of governance and also comply with the recommendations contained within the Report on the Accountability of Secretaries General and Accounting Officers (*the Mullarkey Report*)

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SYSTEM OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL

As Accounting Officer I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by the Courts Service. This responsibility is exercised in the context of the resources available to me and my other obligations as Chief Executive Officer. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.

The position in regard to the financial control environment, the framework of administrative proceedings, management reporting and internal audit is as follows:

FINANCIAL CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

I confirm that a control environment containing the following elements is in place:

- financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability
- reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned
- formal procedures have been established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action
- there is an audit committee to advise me in discharging my responsibility for the internal financial control system.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS AND MANAGEMENT REPORTING

I confirm that a framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting is in place including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability and, in particular, that

- there is an appropriate budgeting system with an annual budget which is kept under review by senior management
- there are regular reviews by senior management of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecasts
- a risk management system operates within the Courts Service
- there are systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems
- there are appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines.

INTERNAL AUDIT

I confirm that the Office* has an internal audit function with appropriately trained personnel, which operates in accordance with a charter which I have approved. Its work is informed by analysis of the financial risks to which the Service is exposed and its annual internal plans, approved by me, are based on this analysis. These plans aim to cover the key controls on a rolling basis over a reasonable period. The internal audit function is reviewed periodically by me and the Audit Committee. I have put procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.



PJ Fitzpatrick

31st March 2008

* Office in this context means the Courts Service

COURT FEES & FINES

FEES

The Service collects a range of fees on behalf of the Property Registration Authority and the Revenue Commissioners. The Property Registration Authority fees relate to access to documents held locally in court offices. The fees collected on behalf of the Revenue Commissioners are excise duties due on certain applications to court and to the provision of copies of some of these documents. This is mainly in relation to licensing (for example, an application for a special licence).

	2007 (€ 000's)	2006 (€ 000's)
Revenue Commissioners	10,743	10,795
Retained by the Service	28,828	32,297
Property Registration Authority	51	70
Total	39,622	43,162

FINES

The Service collects fines imposed by the courts. In many cases, these fines are collected by the Service on behalf of other government agencies or public bodies (for example, fisheries fines are transferred to the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources).

	2007 (€ 000's)	2006 (€ 000's)
Exchequer (Motor Fines)	12,806	13,418
Revenue Commissioners	2,346	2,482
Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources	251	310
Exchequer	6,664	7,171
Total	22,067	23,381

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE
EXTRACT FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

	30/9/2007	30/9/2006
	€	€
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Investments	1,002,626,140	937,168,487
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	6,713,655	7,814,970
Bank	13,072,240	2,298,772
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	19,785,895	10,113,742
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	659,335	523,607
TOTAL LIABILITIES	659,335	523,607
NET CURRENT ASSETS	19,126,560	9,590,135
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,021,752,700	946,758,622
Represented by:		
Funds held for beneficiaries at year end	1,021,752,700	946,758,622

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE
EXTRACT FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

	30/9/2007 €	30/9/2006 €
NET REALISED AND UNREALISED GAINS		
Net realised gains on investments disposed of during the year	7,761,001	5,718,120
Net unrealised gains on investments	12,539,527	30,604,979
Gains realised on transfer out during the year	919,161	1,521,579
NET REALISED AND UNREALISED GAINS	21,219,689	37,844,678
Investment income	2,883,897	2,467,707
	24,103,586	40,312,385
Expenses	(1,146,260)	(1,246,794)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	22,957,326	39,065,591

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE
EXTRACT FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007**

	30/9/2007	30/9/2006
	€	€
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS		
Investment income less expenses	1,737,637	1,220,913
Net realised gains on investments	7,761,001	5,718,120
Net unrealised gains on investments	12,539,527	30,604,979
Gains realised on transfers from funds	919,161	1,521,579
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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	22,957,326	39,065,591
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CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS		
Receipts	198,544,808	164,109,273
Disbursements	(146,508,056)	(115,762,284)
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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS	52,036,752	48,346,989
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Increase in net assets	74,994,078	87,412,580
Net assets at beginning of year	946,758,622	859,346,042
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NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	1,021,752,700	946,758,622

This Report includes extracts from the Report and Financial Statements of the Office of the Accountant of the Courts of Justice for the year ended 30th September 2007. The full Report and Financial Statements are available from the Office of the Accountant of the Courts of Justice, Phoenix House, 15/24 Phoenix Street North, Dublin 7. Telephone: 01-8886211 and on the website of the Service at www.courts.ie.

POOR BOX RECEIPTS THROUGH COURT OFFICES 2007

	Opening Balance 01/01 €	Receipts €	Payments €	Balance on Hand 31/12 €
High Court	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Circuit Court	10,716.84	8,000	8,000	10,716.84
District Court	135,237.38	1,202,246.28	1,144,306.81	193,176.85
Total	145,954.22*	1,210,246.28	1,152,306.81	203,893.69

* The opening balance at 01/01/07 was €473.35 more than the closing balance in the Annual Report for 2006 due to revised details provided by court offices.

POOR BOX RECEIPTS THROUGH COURT OFFICES 2006

	Opening Balance 01/01 €	Receipts €	Payments €	Balance on Hand 31/12 €
High Court	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Circuit Court	12,157.18	359.66	1,800.00	10,716.84
District Court	66,272.54	1,316,728.04	1,248,236.55	134,764.03
Grand Total	78,429.72*	1,317,087.70	1,250,036.55	145,480.87

* The opening Balance at 01/01/06 was €9,660.27 less than the closing balance in the Annual Report for 2005 due to revised details provided by Court Offices.

PROMPT PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS ACT, 1997

The following information is provided in accordance with the Act within the guidelines issued by the Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment.

The Service has procedures in place to ensure that all invoices are paid within the time limits identified on these invoices or, if no time limit is specified, within the statutory time limit. While the procedures have been designed to ensure compliance with the Act, they only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material non compliance with the Act.

These procedures operate in the financial period under review and, in the case of late payments, the relevant suppliers were notified and the interest due was paid to them.

In accordance with the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act, 1997 the following information is provided in respect of the financial period ending December 31st 2007:

(A) PAYMENT PRACTICES

The Service makes payment to suppliers in accordance with the terms specified on the respective invoices or the conditions specified in individual contracts, if appropriate. Since 2002, the standard terms are 30 days.

(B) LATE PAYMENTS

Invoice Amount	No. of Invoices	Amount of Interest paid in €
Under €100	178	3,825
Over €100	32	16,097
Total	210	19,922

COURT RULES COMMITTEES REPORTS

SUPERIOR COURTS RULES COMMITTEE

The Superior Courts Rules Committee was established by section 67 of the Courts of Justice 1936, Act and reconstituted by section 15 of the Courts of Justice Act, 1953. Under Section 68 of the 1936 Act the power to make, annul or alter rules of court is exercisable by the Committee with the concurrence of the Minister for Justice Equality & Law Reform.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AT YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2007

- The Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. Justice John L. Murray (Chairperson)
- The President of the High Court, the Hon. Mr. Justice Richard Johnson (Vice Chairperson)
- The Hon. Mr. Justice Adrian Hardiman, judge of the Supreme Court
- The Hon. Mr. Justice Joseph Finnegan, judge of the Supreme Court
- The Hon. Mr. Justice Liam McKechnie, judge of the High Court
- The Hon. Miss Justice Elizabeth Dunne, judge of the High Court
- The Master of the High Court, Mr. Edmund W. Honohan SC
- Mr. Lyndon MacCann SC, nominated by the Council of the Bar of Ireland
- Mr. Paul McGarry BL, nominated by the Council of the Bar of Ireland
- Mr. Patrick Groarke, solicitor, nominated by the Council of the Law Society of Ireland
- Mr. Patrick O'Connor, solicitor, nominated by the Council of the Law Society of Ireland
- Mr. Noel Rubotham, Director of Reform and Development, Courts Service, to whom membership has been delegated by the Chief Executive Officer of the Courts Service under section 30(2) of the Courts Service Act, 1998
- Ms. Mary Cummins, Office of the Chief State Solicitor– appointed to act in place of the Attorney General under section 36(4) of the Courts and Court Officers Act, 2002.

Secretary: Ms. Maeve Kane, Registrar of the Supreme Court

Drafting services: Mr. Sean Barton, solicitor, McCann FitzGerald Solicitors.

The committee met on five occasions during 2007 and signed the following rules:-.

Title	Date signed by Committee	S.I. number	Operative date
RSC (Criminal Law (Insanity) Act 2006), 2007	18th January 2007	597 of 2007	26th September 2007
RSC (Jurisdiction, Recognition, Enforcement and Service of proceedings), 2007	26th April 2007		RSC (Charging Orders), 2007
Remitted to Committee on 21st June 2007	26th April 2007	416 of 2007	1st August 2007
RSC (Transfer of Sentenced Persons), 2007	21st June 2007	417 of 2007	1st August 2007
RSC (Jurisdiction, Recognition, Enforcement and Service of Proceedings), 2007	21st June 2007	407 of 2007	29th June 2007
RSC (Costs), 2007	21st June 2007		awaited
RSC (Criminal Justice Acts 2006 and 2007), 2007	18th October 2007		awaited
RSC (Cape Town Convention), 2007	29th November 2007		awaited

During the year the committee also considered representations in relation to the list of parties qualified to tender under Order 22 Rule 14, the procedure for applications under the Garda Síochána Compensation Acts and the months of the Long Vacation.

At year end, draft rules in respect of Courts-Martial appeals, a Law Society Report on discovery and a proposal regarding Section 10 of the Civil Liability and Courts Act, 2004 were under consideration by the Committee.

Maeve Kane

Secretary

CIRCUIT COURT RULES COMMITTEE

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE ARE:

- to consider legislative changes at domestic and EU level and to amend Circuit Court Rules on Practice and Procedure to take account of such changes, where appropriate
- to review and update as necessary, the consolidated Circuit Court Rules, 2001
- to consider issues relevant to the Rules raised by members of the Committee and other parties having an interest in the practice and procedure of the Circuit Court.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AT YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 2007:

- The Hon. Mr. Justice Matthew Deery President of the Circuit Court (Chairman)
- Her Honour Judge Alison Lindsay, judge of the Circuit Court
- His Honour Judge Tony Hunt, judge of the Circuit Court
- Mr. Patrick Hunt SC, nominated by the Council of the Bar of Ireland
- Mr. Fergal Foley BL, nominated by the Council of the Bar of Ireland
- Mr. Gerard J. Doherty, solicitor, nominated by the Law Society of Ireland
- Mr. Joseph T. Deane, solicitor, nominated by the Law Society of Ireland
- Ms. Ann Spaine, nominated by the Attorney General

- Mr. Noel Rubotham BL, to whom membership has been delegated by the Chief Executive Officer under section 30(2) of the Courts Service Act, 1998.

Secretary: Ms. Susan Ryan, County Registrar, Dublin

Drafting services: Mr. Sean Barton solicitor, McCann FitzGerald Solicitors

The Committee met on six occasions in 2007.

During 2007 the following matters were given due consideration by the Committee with a view to amending or introducing new rules on practice and procedure in the Circuit Court:

- Criminal Justice Act, 2006
- Criminal Justice Act, 2007
- Criminal Law Insanity Act, 2006
- Health (Repayment Scheme) Act, 2006
- Family Law Case Progression.

The Committee continued its review of amendments to be made to the Circuit Court Rules, 2001 culminating in the implementation of a composite amendment to these Rules by statutory instrument number SI 312 of 2007.

The Committee devoted a considerable amount of time during the course of 2007 to the consideration of draft rules relating to the introduction of case progression hearings in family law proceedings. Given the novelty of the procedures and the considerable impact which they would have on the progress of family law cases through the Court, it was considered advisable to circulate the draft rules to the Bar Council and the Family Law Committee of the Law Society for observation. Written submissions were received on behalf of both the Bar Council and Law Society in September 2007. The Committee greatly appreciated their most helpful and constructive observations on the draft rules.

In April 2007 the Chairman and Members welcomed Her Honour Judge Alison Lindsay to the Committee.

Her Honour Judge Katherine Delahunt stepped down as a member of the Committee in October 2007. The Chairman and Members acknowledged Judge Delahunt's invaluable contribution to the Committee from 2005 to 2007 which included acting as Chairperson in April, May 2005 and June 2005. The Chairman advised that Judge Tony Hunt had been nominated to take the place of Judge Delahunt.

Rules relating to the following were implemented in 2007:

- S.I. No.10 of 2007: Circuit Court Rules (Social Welfare Appeals), 2007
- S.I. No. 11 of 2007: Circuit Court Rules (Mental Health), 2007
- S.I. No. 12 of 2007: Circuit Court Rules (Industrial Relations Acts), 2007
- S.I. No. 169 of 2007: Circuit Court Rules (Criminal Justice Act 2006), 2007
- S.I. No. 312 of 2007: Circuit Court Rules (General), 2007
- S.I. No. 446 of 2007: Circuit Court Rules (Health (Repayment Scheme) Act, 2006), 2007
- S.I. No. 588 of 2007: Circuit Court Rules (Pensions Ombudsman), 2006
- S.I. No. 596 of 2007: Circuit Court Rules (Criminal Law (Insanity) Act, 2006), 2007.

Susan Ryan

Secretary

DISTRICT COURT RULES COMMITTEE

The rule making authority for the District Court is the District Court Rules Committee established under section 71 of the Courts of Justice Act, 1936. The Committee may annul or alter rules and make new rules with the concurrence of the Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AT YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 2007

- The President of the District Court, Her Honour Judge Miriam Malone (Chairperson)
- Judge Uinsin MacGruairc, Judge of the District Court
- Judge Mary Devins, Judge of the District Court
- Judge Thomas E. O'Donnell, Judge of the District Court
- Judge Brian Sheridan, Judge of the District Court
- Ms. Fiona Twomey, Solicitor, nominated by the Law Society of Ireland
- Mr. Joe Jeffers, B.L., nominated by the Council of the Bar of Ireland

- Mr. Roy Pearson, Chief State Solicitor's Office, appointed to act in place of the Attorney General under section 36(4) of the Courts and Court Officers Act, 2002
- Mr. Noel A. Doherty, Directorate of Reform and Development, Courts Service, to whom membership has been delegated by the Chief Executive Officer under Section 30(2) of the Courts Service Act, 1998
- A nomination by the Law Society of Ireland was awaited to replace Mr. Hugh O'Neill, Solicitor, who was a member of the Committee until the 10th December 2007.

Secretary: Ms. Liz Hughes, Deputy Chief Clerk, Dublin Metropolitan District Court

Drafting Services: Mr. Sean Barton, solicitor, McCann FitzGerald Solicitors.

The District Court Rules Committee met on 9 occasions during 2007. The Committee considered and passed a number of Rules. The following Rules of the District Court were signed by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform between the 1st January 2007 and the 31st December 2007, (*see page 137*).

S.I. NO.	Title	Date signed by Committee	Date effective from
S.I. 19 of 2007	District Court (Mental Health Appeals) Rules, 2007	27/11/06	21/2/07
S.I. 73 of 2007	District Court (Bench Warrants) Rules, 2007	15/1/07	22/3/07
S.I. 82 of 2007	District Court (Small Claims) Rules, 2007	15/1/07	27/3/07
S.I. 97 of 2007	District Court (Mental Health) Rules, 2007	12/2/07	2/4/07
S.I. 152 of 2007	District Court (Children Summonses) Rules, 2007	5/3/07	26/4/07
S.I. 203 of 2007	District Court (Criminal Justice Act 2006) Rules, 2007	15/1/07	31/5/07
S.I. 313 of 2007	District Court (Community Service) Rules, 2007	14/5/07	20/7/07
S.I. 314 of 2007	District Court (Criminal Justice Act 2006, Part 11) Rules, 2007	14/5/07	20/7/07
S.I. 408 of 2007	District Court (Children) Rules, 2007	14/5/07	27/7/07
S.I. 418 of 2007	District Court (Summons) Rules, 2007	18/6/07	1/8/07
S.I. 564 of 2007	District Court (Road Traffic) Rules, 2007	18/6/07	24/8/07
S.I. 727 of 2007	District Court (Insanity) Rules, 2007	5/3/07	22/11/07

The Committee extended its thanks and appreciation for their active participation during their membership to Judge John P. Brophy who was a member for 15 years from January 1992 to January 2007, to Mr. David Kelly, Advisory Counsel and Mr. Hugh O'Neill, nominee of the Law Society of Ireland all of whom retired from the Committee during the year.

At year end the following Rules signed by the Committee are awaiting the concurrence of the Minister:-

- District Court (Criminal Justice Act, 2007), Rules
- District Court (Criminal Justice Act, 2006) (No 2), Rules.

Rules relating to the following were under consideration by the Committee at year end:

- Search Warrant Rules
- Child Care (Amendment) Act 2007, Rules.

Liz Hughes

Secretary

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CHAPTER 9

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Affidavit - a written statement made on oath

Appeal - a proceeding taken by a party to a case dissatisfied with a decision made, to a court having authority to review or set aside that decision

Appearance - a document which indicates that a defendant, after being served with a summons to a Circuit or High Court action, intends to defend the action

Barring Order - an order preventing a spouse from entering the family home or using or threatening violence against the other spouse or family members

Bill of Sale - a document transferring or mortgaging of an interest in movable property

Care Order - an order placing a child in the care of the health board until he or she reaches the age of eighteen or a shorter period as determined by the court

Caveat - a written notice to the court requesting that nothing be done regarding the estate of a deceased person without notice to the party who entered the caveat or his/her solicitor

Certified List - a list of cases which have been certified by counsel as being ready for hearing

Civil Bill - a document used to start a case in the Circuit Court. It gives details of the parties to the case and details of the claim that is being made

Claim - the assertion of a right. Taking a case against someone is a way of making a claim

Commissioner for Oaths - a person entitled to administer oaths and take affidavits

Courts-Martial Appeal Court - the name applied to the Court of Criminal Appeal when hearing appeals from courts martial (military tribunals for the trial of members of the defence forces on active service)

Deed Poll - a deed completed by one party only, often used to declare an intention to change a name

Defence - a document delivered by the defendant to the plaintiff in response to a civil bill or a plenary summons

Defendant - a person against whom an action is brought; a person charged with a criminal offence

Deponent - the person who swears an affidavit

Emergency care order - an order placing a child under the care of the health board for a maximum period of eight days if the court is of the opinion that there is a serious risk to the health or welfare of a child

Enduring Power of Attorney - a document providing for the management of a person's affairs in the event of their becoming mentally incapacitated

Ex officio - by virtue of his/her office

Ex parte - without notice to the other side of an action

In camera - a court hearing to which the public is not admitted

Indictment - a formal document setting out certain kinds of charges against an accused person or the process by which those charges are presented against the accused

Indictable offence - an offence which, if committed by an adult, is triable on indictment

Injunction - an order of the court directing a party to an action to do, or to refrain from doing, something

Interim barring order - an immediate order requiring a violent person to leave the family home, pending the hearing of an application for a barring order

Interim care order - an order, granted when an application for a care order has been or is about to be made, requiring that the child named in the order be placed in the care of the health board

Intestate - dying without making a valid will

Judicial Review - a legal remedy available in situations where a body or tribunal has acted in excess of legal authority or contrary to its duty

Judicial separation - a decree granted by the court relieving spouses to a marriage of the obligation to cohabit

Jurisdiction - (a) the power of a court or judge to hear an action, petition or other proceeding, or (b) the geographical area within which such power may be exercised

Lis Pendens – *Action pending* – the registration of an action against an owner of land

Mortgage suit - a form of proceeding to recover a debt owed to the holder of security on property - by forcing the

sale of the property (usually on foot of a judgment mortgage or an equitable mortgage)

Nolle Prosequi - the entering by the prosecution of a stay on criminal proceedings (not to be confused with an acquittal)

Notary Public - a legal practitioner, usually a solicitor, who witnesses the signing of documents or makes copies of them in order to verify their authenticity, especially for use abroad

Oath - a form of words by which a person calls his/her God to witness that what he says is the truth, or that what he/she promises to do he will do

Original actions - actions commenced in the court of hearing (as opposed to cases appealed from a lower court)

Plaintiff - a person who brings a legal action against another

Plenary Summons - document used to begin certain civil proceedings (e.g. claims for non-specific damages, libel, nuisance) in the High Court where pleadings and oral evidence are required

Power of Attorney - a deed by which one person allows another to represent him, or act in his place either generally or for specified purposes

Protection Order - an interim order, granted when an application for a safety/barring order has been made, prohibiting a person from committing further acts of violence or threatening of violence

Revenue Summons - a form of summary summons heard on affidavit, used by the Revenue Commissioners to commence civil proceedings in the High Court to recover sums due (e.g. unpaid taxes)

Safety Order - an order prohibiting a person from committing further acts of violence or threatening to do so. It does not prevent the person from entering the family home

Seat Office - part of the Probate Office in Dublin where applications by solicitors for grants of probate and administration are processed

Setting down for trial - a request that an action be allocated a date for hearing

Special Exemption Order - an order allowing a licensee to sell alcohol outside the normal licensing hours subject to certain conditions

Special Summons - document used to begin certain civil proceedings (e.g. equity claims, mortgage enforcement, administration of trusts) in the High Court to be heard on affidavit (that is, not oral evidence)

Subpoena - an order issued in an action requiring a person to be present at a specified place and time for a specified purpose under penalty

Subpoena ad testificandum - an order to attend and give evidence

Subpoena duces tecum - an order to attend and produce certain specified documents

Summary Judgment - judgment for a claim in respect of a debt or specific monetary demand. The judgment is given to the plaintiff against the defendant in a court office without the need to bring the claim to court

Summary Summons - document used to commence certain civil proceedings (e.g. claims for a specific amount of money, recovery of possession by a landlord) in the High Court, to be heard on affidavit

Supervision order - an order authorising a health board to visit a child periodically to satisfy itself as to the child's welfare and enabling the health board to give advice regarding the child's welfare

Waiting time - the time between the court offices being notified that a case is ready to proceed to hearing/trial and the actual date for hearing/trial

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONTACTING OFFICES OF THE SERVICE

Contact details for the main offices of the Service are published on the website. Details may also be obtained from the Information Office, Courts Service, Phoenix House, 15/24 Phoenix Street North, Smithfield, Dublin 7. Telephone: 01-8886000.

EIRCOM TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

Telephone numbers for the main offices of the Service are contained in the green pages section of the current eircom telephone directories.

OTHER INFORMATION

Details of court cases at hearing in the High Court in Dublin and Cork are displayed on electronic boards in the Four Courts in Dublin and in the courthouses in Washington Street, Cork and Ennis.

The *Legal Diary* providing details of cases for hearing in the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeal, the High Court (including the Central Criminal Court) and the Circuit Court is published on the website.

The Annual Reports of the Service together with the Strategic Plans, Customer Service Action Plan, Customer Charter and other publications including those referred to on page 44 of this Report are published on the website.

Copies of all publications are available from the Information Office.

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