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FOREWORD



Foreword by the Chief Legal Costs Adjudicator

In accordance with the obligations imposed by s. 146 of the Legal Services Regulation Act, 2015, I am pleased to present my Annual Report of the activities of the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators, which covers activities for the year ending 31st December 2022. The Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators was established by the commencement of Part 10 of the 2015 Act, on 7th October 2019.

In keeping with strategies introduced during the public health restrictions arising from Covid 19, the Office continues to maintain facilities for remote hearings. The Office continues to adopt best practices, by staggering hearing times, availing of remote hearings when Adjudications are suitable for such. The call over of cases and routine listing of Adjudications of cases which are under active negotiation or case management continue to assist parties, without adding additional costs and expenses.

The number of applications filed for Adjudication in 2022, was 943, of which 902 were approved as being valid. A 7% increase on 2021 (874), 2020 (830)

The waiting times for securing a hearing date was consistent with last year, being about 7 weeks from the date of an approved adjudication application.

The monetary value of valid applications filed for adjudication, in 2022 was €192,449,390. a significant increase over adjudications lodged in prior years. 2021 (€110,339,050), 2020 (€113,211,333).

The Office had cases on hand at year end 2022, at a value of €178,379,715, (2021 €173,236,066), (2020 €146,801,262).

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We continue to strive to achieve the aims set out in our Mission Statement which is to perform our functions with independence, fairness, integrity, professionalism, innovation and accountability. The Mission Statement, contains a commitment to improving services, adapting innovative processes, adherence to best practices and developing strategies for improvement. We have continued to engage with Courts ICT personnel and have successfully completed the Courts Service Desktop Migration Project.

We continue to develop the Register of Determinations, in accordance with s.140 of the 2015 Act.

I would also like to record my appreciation to the staff with the Office. They are a true embodiment of public service. I thank them deeply for the commitment, adaptability and willingness of the staff to react to each new circumstance and unfailingly deliver at each and every hands turn. Genuinely, the business of the office could not have functioned and adapted as it did, without the exceptional effort displayed by each of them. I am truthfully indebted to each of them.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the other offices within the Courts Service, with who we have engaged with over the year, including the Senior Management Team, Estates Management Unit, ICT unit, Courts IT and others, who assist us in our work.

On behalf of the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2022.



Paul M. Behan
Chief Legal Costs Adjudicator

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THE HIGH COURT
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Our Mission

The Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators mission is to enable access to independent, impartial and objective resolution of legal costs disputes, through the provision of a courteous and professional service in the performance of its statutory function. To maintain and provide transparency throughout the process from inception to completion, with reasoned outcomes being published, in so far as is permitted by the law, and accessible via the register of determinations, so as to inform both legal practitioners and the public. It is our mission to provide this service in a timely manner, providing and supporting access to justice.

In support of this mission, the Office pursues two high level strategic goals:

- *Supporting the Legal Costs Adjudicators*

Supporting the Chief Legal Costs Adjudicator and the Legal Costs Adjudicators is a statutory obligation of the Courts Service and by extension the Office and is central to our mission. As well as being a key strategic priority in its own right, it is also key to the achievement of all our strategic priorities.

- *Providing High Quality Service to Court Users*

A core part of our mission is the provision of a consistent, impartial, timely and excellent service to court users, consistent with the limitation of the Office's statutory remit.

Our Vision

Over time, as the number of adjudications are completed and the register of determinations is updated, a body of information will be publicly available to inform the public and practitioners of the range of legal costs, the manner in which they are determined and the reasons underlying the determination.

Our Values

We are committed, in performing our functions and fulfilling our responsibilities, to independence, fairness, integrity, professionalism, innovation and accountability. Our strengths derive from the expertise of the staff within the office. With a commitment to improving services, adapting innovative processes and adherence to best practices and developing strategies for improvement.

CHAPTER 1 - About the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators

Part 10 of The Legal Services Regulation Act, 2015 was commenced on 7th October 2019 (Commencement of Certain Provisions) (No.2) Order 2019. S.I No. 502 of 2019. This resulted in the establishment of a new regime for the adjudication of legal costs, with the abolition of the Office of the Taxing Master and the work of that Office being transferred to the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators.

The statutory powers, functions and duties of the Office, derive from Part 10 and Schedule 1 of the Legal Services Regulation Act, 2015. These statutory powers are underpinned by the Rules of the Superior Courts (Costs) 2019.

By its statutory powers, the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators, in addition to having the previous powers of the Taxing Masters, deals with disputes on legal costs, usually but not always, as between parties involved in litigation in the Superior Courts. There are other matters such as disputes between a legal practitioner and his or her client which also fall within the remit of the office.

Party and Party costs usually derive from an Order of the Court. This is where a Court or an authorised body, directs one party to a cause to pay the costs of another. Party and Party Costs usually arise from proceedings in the Superior Courts, see Part 11 of the Legal Services Regulation Act, 2015.

Circuit Court costs arising in proceedings are determined by County Registrars, as is provided in s.141 of The Legal Services Regulatory Act, 2015 and the Circuit Court Rules. The Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicator does not generally have any jurisdiction or power to deal with Circuit Court Party and Party costs. The Office does have some jurisdiction to deal with Circuit Court Costs, usually where they arise as part of a wider dispute as between a legal practitioner and client.

Disputes relating to legal costs and expenses as between legal practitioners and their clients fall within the remit of the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators. Legal Practitioners have prescribed duties, relating to legal costs contained within the Act. The Legal Costs Adjudicators have a duty to hear and determine disputes relating to the amount and whether such costs represented work actually undertaken and whether such charges have been reasonably incurred and are reasonable in amount.

Importantly the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators does not have any power to deal with complaints about or touching upon matters of poor or inadequate services, or complaints relating to misconduct, such matters are currently dealt with by the Legal Services Regulatory Authority.

CHAPTER 2 – The Year in Review

1) Progress Against Our Strategic Priorities

Strategic Priority 1: Supporting the Legal Costs Adjudicators

A core role of the Office is the provision of support for adjudication sittings, and the necessary resources and assistance which allows the Legal Costs Adjudicators to administer independent, impartial and objective resolutions of legal costs disputes. During 2022 the office provided such support for the Legal Costs Adjudicators adjudication sittings.

Office Business

Through the Court Services Online Platform (CSOL), 943 Legal Costs Adjudication applications were lodged. 902 were deemed valid and were accepted and processed by the office for Adjudication. The Office assisted parties who were unable to lodge Adjudication Applications online. Return dates for the hearing of matters were allocated to each Legal Costs Adjudicator on a rotational basis.

At the commencement of 2022 the waiting time from filing of a valid Legal Costs Adjudication application to the first hearing date stood at 6 weeks. Reflecting the higher volume of business, this had extended slightly to standing at 7 weeks by the end of December 2022.

272 adjudication sitting days were conducted in 2022. These were a mix of physical and remote or hybrid sittings. There were 90 remote call over days and 182 physical hearing / remote hearing days.

Strategic Priority 2: Providing High Quality Service to Court Users

As part of its core mission the office is involved in providing services to a wide range of court users, including Legal Practitioners, Legal Costs Accountants, Public Bodies, Non-Governmental Agencies and directly to members of the public. Although the Office is independent and cannot offer advice, it does assist parties by explaining the practices and procedures surrounding Legal Costs Adjudication to ensure that any person contacting the Office can access the required service.

Register of Determinations

In accordance with s.140 of the Legal Services Act 2015, the office continues to populate the on-line register of determinations, and the reasons for determination in accordance with law.

Irish Language Facilities

The office continues to update information in and the provision of services through the Irish language by advising Applicants:

- Applications for the Adjudication of Costs can be made manually through Irish.
- Forms in Irish are available by contacting or visiting the Office of Legal Costs Adjudicators to request same.
- An Irish Language Interpreter can be requested for hearings by contacting the office with appropriate notice.

This information is all available under the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicator page on Courts.ie

Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicator Customer Charter

An up-to-date Customer Charter was created and implemented in 2022.

Improvement to Online payment facilities

Although the Office does not deal with payments made by users as these payments are made via CSOL or via the Courts fee cards, investigations were undertaken in 2022 with regard to credit card payments being accepted by the stamp office, which could aid and improve payment for office users.

Strategic Priority 3: *Develop and Support Our People*

In 2022 the office continued to invest in and support our staff to ensure a skilled, high-performing office delivering quality services to Stakeholders by maintaining the upkeep of the localised induction programme to integrate new staff joining the office, running in tandem with the Courts Service induction programme. These training methods are used in conjunction with the existing performance management system in place.

Blended working plans were formulated in Quarter four of 2022 with a view to implementing a staff blended working arrangement in 2023.

Strategic Priority 4: *Improve Processes and Case Management*

The weekly Remote Callover and Case Management list, initiated as a result of public health requirements in 2020, has continued to be utilised and has proven to be a valuable case management tool for both the Legal Costs Adjudicators, and legal practitioners throughout 2022. The ongoing operation of this case management process continues, as it leads to a saving of costs and time to parties who engage with the Office. Although it does require a significant allocation of office resources to effect same, but it is considered that the overall benefits make it worthwhile.

Strategic Priority 5: Optimise Use of Technology

The Office successfully completed migration to a new Desktop system in May 2022. This comprised of an upgrade of hardware and software. The Pexip platform continues to be utilised for Remote Hearings.

Strategic Priority 6: Ensure Effective Governance and Accountability

Effective governance and accountability are priorities for the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators.

Business Continuity Plan 2022

In order to ensure the continuity of business activities in the event of a major incident or disaster the office reviewed and updated the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators Business Continuity Plan in May of 2022. This will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators Strategic Plan 2023-2026

The Office, in fulfilment of its statutory duties, submitted our Three-Year Strategic Plan to the Office of the CEO. This plan outlined the projected work of the office in conjunctions with the Courts Service general Strategic Plan.

Covid-19 and the Continued Response of the Office

In 2022, the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators safety policy continued to operate in line with the Courts Service policy regarding Covid-19. The office maintained a healthy and safe working environment for all employees, the Adjudicators, legal costs accountants, legal practitioners, members of the public, visitors, and contractors who attended the office.

Hearings Protocols 2022:

- Weekly management of hearing list in advance via remote call over the previous week and assigning time specific schedules.
- Plexiglass screens in place at witness box and Adjudicators bench.
- Advisory Covid-19 signage in place on entry, and in Adjudication Room.

CHAPTER 3 - Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators Governance and Management Structure

Figure 1: Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicator Management Structure

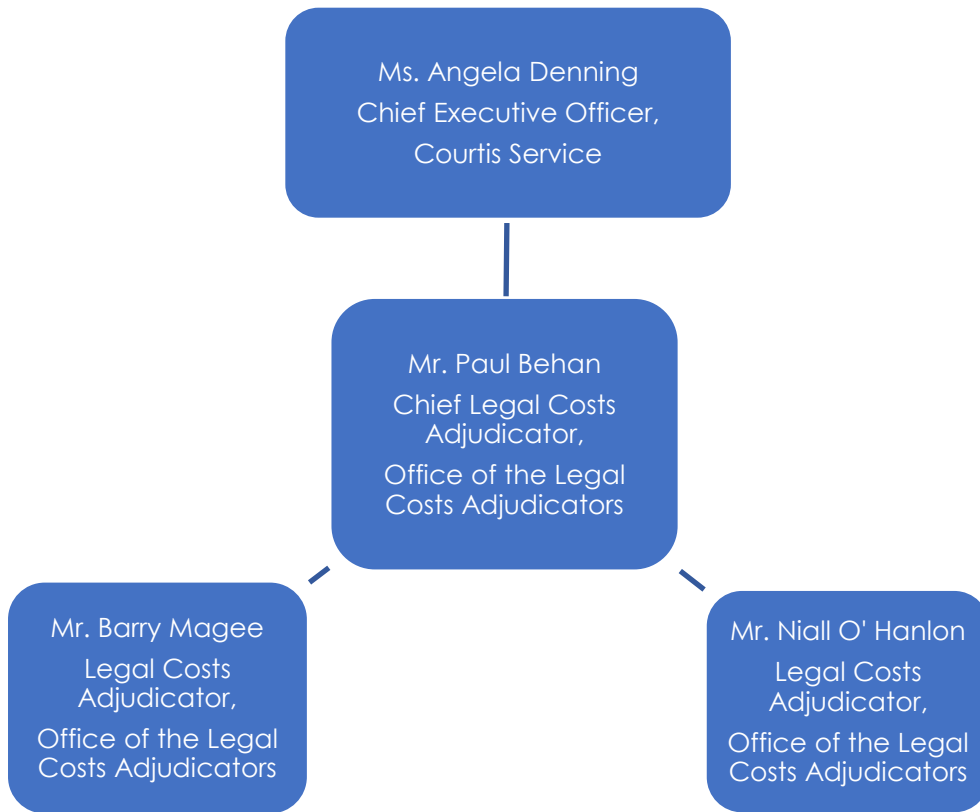


Figure 2: Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicator Management Structure



CHAPTER 4 - Activity

1. Total Number of Applications filed in 2022

A total of 943 applications were filed in 2022, of which 902 were deemed valid and were accepted for Adjudication.

Comparison – 2022 and 2021.

The tables and the graphics below show the comparison of applications filed with the Office of the Legal Costs Adjudicators in 2021 and 2022. In a slight change from the format of past annual reports, the information reported is reduced to one prior year comparison. The Office was established in 2019 and carried over the work in progress from the Taxing Masters Office. 2020 was a year beset by Covid 19 restrictions, as a result, 2021 and 2022 represent a true full year-on-year comparison. The earlier Annual Reports can be accessed at <https://www.courts.ie/office-legal-cost-adjudicator-publications>

In 2022, the third full year of operation of this Office, a total of 943 cases were filed for adjudication. This is an increase of 69 cases or a round figure percentage of 7%, however, it will be observed that the value of the cases has increased significantly.

The value of valid applications for Adjudication increased from (2021) €110,339,050 to the current year of €192,449,390.

As the subject matter of cases can transcend several aspects of legal areas, it is often not practicable to classify these into precise categories. The originating classification for Case Types is chosen by the Applicants seeking Adjudication.

However, in an effort to be consistent with last year's reporting, a headline of those most readily identifiable have been included in the breakdown of the type and status of the Applications filed in 2021 and 2022 are set out in the table below. In total 991 cases were processed during the year.

Figure 3: Applications Filed Cases by Originating Case Type – In List Form

Originating Case Type	2022		2021	
	No. of Cases	Amount (€) Claimed	No. of Cases	Amount (€) Claimed
Road Traffic Accidents	200	15,818,930	174	17,518,910
Employer & Occupiers Liability	120	17,137,799	116	9,552,195
Judicial Review	69	22,490,817	113	8,676,507
Medical Negligence	136	48,212,707	95	27,726,276
Other	99	38,459,720	91	10,226,857
Contract	23	4,446,412	57	4,711,890
Motions Interlocutory	16	7,617,542	45	4,346,949
Appeal - Court of Appeal	36	4,576,716	38	2,817,567
Public Liability	47	2,564,825	26	1,442,918
Wards of Court	42	2,287,341	14	705,214
Commercial Court	8	2,643,771	12	6,939,087
Professional Negligence	10	1,179,045	9	1,281,804
Probate Matters	8	542,200	8	345,775
Appeal - Supreme Court	11	2,223,817	8	1,642,784
Assault & Battery	6	1,616,608	8	836,217
Employment Law	8	646,591	7	1,269,571
Security for Costs	6	1,365,981	6	829,285
Injunctions	7	518,613	6	777,900
Bankruptcy	4	232,635	5	797,217
Sale of Land	-	-	5	344,569
Companies Act	5	846,144	4	50,711
Practitioner and Client	2	106,566	4	499,868
Planning Matters	8	2,315,048	4	849,873
Defamation. Libel & Slander	10	3,152,802	3	749,648
Solicitors Acts	-	-	3	152,543
Garda Compensation Acts	1	32,002	3	78,710
Constitutional Law	-	-	2	1,123,541
Tribunal of Inquiry	3	10,340,277	2	2,917,325
Arbitration	2	275,328	2	166,294
Immigration Law	-	-	1	30,078
Family Law	5	395,174	1	46,750
Article 40/Habeas Corpus	-	-	1	152,006
Nuisance	1	145,600	1	732,208
Judgement Mortgage/Land	6	72,552	-	-
Residential Institutions Redress Board	-	-	-	-
Case Stated	-	-	-	-
Pension Matters	-	-	-	-
Conveyancing	3	185,828	-	-
Total	902	€192,449,390	874	€110,339,050

2. Year End Case Status

As would be expected, it is the case that some Adjudications, accepted in 2021, which were incomplete or adjourned at the request of the parties or may have been the subject of a Consideration sought pursuant to s.161 of the Legal Services Regulation Act, 2015 would have crossed over to be dealt with in 2022. The table below sets out the value of claims on hand at year end 2022.

Figure 4: Year End Cases by Originating Case Type – In List Form

Originating Case Type	No. of Cases	Amount (€) Claimed
Road Traffic Accidents	211	€17,426,878
Employer & Occupiers Liability	142	€14,541,733
Judicial Review	79	€23,038,383
Medical Negligence	150	€53,319,588
Other	121	€13,785,926
Contract	63	€6,629,339
Motions Interlocutory	41	€11,495,603
Appeal - Court of Appeal	55	€6,018,493
Public Liability	40	€2,374,680
Wards of Court	42	€2,144,363
Commercial Court	10	€4,084,546
Professional Negligence	12	€1,731,236
Probate Matters	16	€782,353
Appeal - Supreme Court	12	€2,803,396
Assault & Battery	3	€1,225,683
Employment Law	9	€527,428
Security for Costs	7	€1,555,172
Injunctions	10	€637,813
Bankruptcy	5	€271,597
Sale of Land	5	€259,167
Companies Act	7	€923,642
Practitioner and Client	4	€343,344
Planning Matters	2	€476,503
Defamation. Libel & Slander	12	€3,865,956
Solicitors Acts	3	€152,543
Garda Compensation Acts	3	€78,710
Constitutional Law	2	€1,123,541
Tribunal of Inquiry	5	€5,541,361
Arbitration	2	€275,328
Immigration Law	1	€30,078
Family Law	5	€401,715
Article 40/Habeas Corpus	1	€152,006
Nuisance	1	€145,600
Judgement Mortgage	6	€72,552
Conveyancing	2	€143,459
Total	1089	€178,379,715

3. Settled Cases

It is part of the remit of the Office to facilitate the resolution of legal costs disputes as part of the wider philosophy of the Courts Service to encourage parties to resolve disputes themselves by formal or informal mechanisms. There is provision in the Legal Services Act, 2015 at s. 156 (2) that a Legal Costs Adjudicator, can invite parties to an Adjudication to refer their dispute to mediation or other informal resolution process. It is provided at s.156(3) that the Adjudication shall be adjourned, with or without directions, that may facilitate the resolution of the dispute.

There is evidence from the figures below stated, that the resolution of many legal costs disputes are resolved by the parties, which the Adjudicators actively encourage. The breakdown of Settled Cases is shown below: -

Figure 5: Settled cases – by Originating Case Type – In List Form

Settled Cases -	No. of	Total Amount (€) Claimed
Road Traffic Accidents	145	€11,175,401
Judicial Review	41	€18,927,170
Employer and Occupiers Liability	84	€8,804,149
Medical Negligence	82	€24,645,177
Other	68	€9,185,362
Public Liability	24	€1,423,091
Motions Interlocutory	4	€7,504,624
Appeal - Court of Appeal	14	€2,964,162
Contract	13	€3,209,145
Employment Law	2	€291,071
Assault & Battery	2	€1,012,621
Wards of Court	26	€1,262,009
Immigration Law	1	€30,078
Bankruptcy	2	€136,394
Probate Matters	3	€106,644
Commercial Court	2	€248,130
Planning Matters	2	€476,503
Appeal - Supreme Court	7	€1,005,787
Defamation, Libel and Slander	5	€2,732,191
Professional Negligence	2	€370,423
Arbitration	1	€151,295
Injunctions	6	€446,800
Article 40/Habeas Corpus	1	€152,006
Tribunal of Inquiry	5	€5,541,361
Constitutional Law	2	€1,123,541
Judgement Mortgage	1	64290.05
Family Law	2	€90,692
Sale of Land	2	€220,742
Conveyancing	1	61363.47
Total	550	€103,362,222

4. Adjourned Cases

Cases may be adjourned where matters are under active discussion, a party was not in a position to proceed or that the matter must be adjourned for written determinations. This process continues to be managed carefully by the Legal Costs Adjudicators so as to maintain a balance between all parties to the process so as to ensure procedural fairness. This requires active case management on the part of the Adjudicators. There were 271 Cases adjourned or part heard throughout 2022. This consists of 17 cases from 2019, 33 from 2020, 40 from 2021 and 181 from 2022

5. Register of Determinations

The Legal Services Regulation Act, at s.140 provides that a Register of Determinations is to be maintained, with certain statutory exceptions, the outcome of Adjudications are to be published by way of Reports. It is the case that every Adjudication determined is accompanied by reasons.

Written and reasoned Determination Reports, prepared in accordance with s. 157(8) and s.157(9) of the Act, are subject to publication restrictions in accordance with s.140(3), s.140(4), s.140(5) and s.140(6) of the Act, which provides that the reasons for a determination shall not be placed on the register where these sections are deemed to apply.

A total of 227 cases were recorded as determined between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022. Of these, approximately 170 were not published subject to the restrictions contained within s.140.

6. Determined Cases

Cases completed and determined throughout 2022 are set out in the below table:-

Figure 6: Determined Cases – by Originating Case Type – In List Form

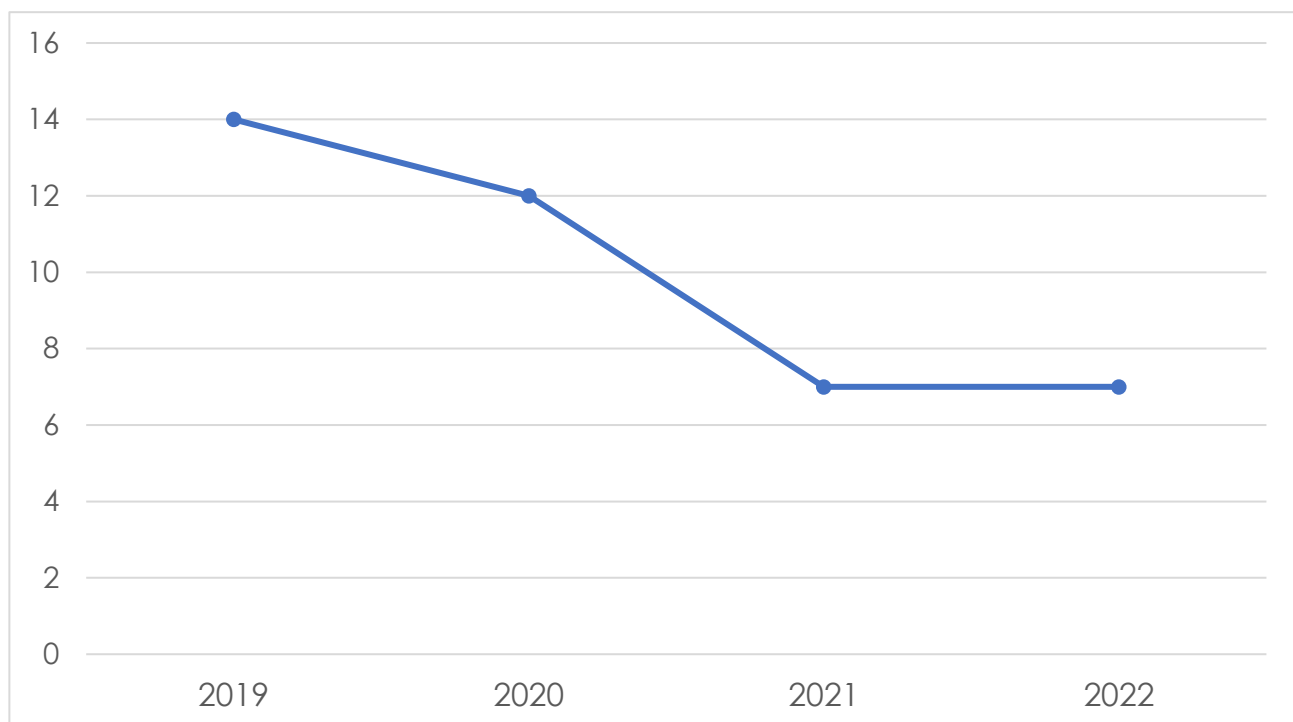
Determinations Originating Case Types	No. of Cases.	Total Amount (€) Claimed	Total Amount (€) Deducted	Total Amount (€) Allowed
Road Traffic Accidents	20	2,460,200	662,748	1,636,911
Other	30	2,494,137	824,650	1,655,679
Employer and Occupiers Liability	14	1,144,389	359,245	785,144
Medical Negligence	14	2,842,316	272,412	363,998
Contract	42	2,431,492	1,211,728	1,219,896
Appeal - Court of Appeal	23	1,311,396	418,035	897,746
Judicial Review	7	898,277	342,514	557,636
Probate Matters	6	312,100	82,391	227,861
Security for Costs	2	1,043,225	646,747	396,477
Commercial Court	4	203,680	53,409	150,271
Motions Interlocutory	20	818,218	364,098	454,119
Public Liability	8	324,972	96,482	228,490
Appeal - Supreme Court	4	714,630	346,179	368,450
Companies Act	2	65,513	7,984	57,529
Planning Matters	1	254,960	53,589	201,371
Injunctions	2	120,643	14,551	106,092
Defamation, Libel and Slander	1	23,329	4,077	19,251
Professional Negligence	2	290,936	68,599	222,337
Arbitration	2	460,247	169,602	290,645
Employment Law	2	106,972	33,577	73,395
Solicitors Acts	1	25,946	5,784	20,162
Wards of Court	7	370,949	118,657	252,293
Practitioner and Client	3	487,578	290,183	197,395
Sale of Land	1	12,914	8,057	4,857
Judgement Mortgage	6	20,838	4,048	16,790
Residential Institutions Redress Board	1	28,117	217	27,900
Bankruptcy	2	96,241	26,781	69,461
Total	227	€19,364,213	€6,486,344	€10,502,155

7. Time from Application to Hearing

The average time from an application being lodged to the first hearing date was 7 weeks in 2022. This represents an improvement from 14 weeks in 2019 and 12 weeks in 2020. The average time was also 7 weeks in 2021.

Whilst the office will continue to strive for improved performance, the minimum time period from the application being made to the matter being ready for hearing would be approximately 4 – 6 weeks. This would provide sufficient time for the application to be served on the other side, for the necessary instructions to be given, file inspections to take place if necessary and negotiations to occur. Therefore, it is unlikely that this figure can be much improved upon in future years.

Figure 7: Average Time from Application to Hearing (weeks)



8. Request for Consideration

Any party who is dissatisfied with a Determination made by a Legal Costs Adjudicator can apply pursuant to s.160 of the Act for a Consideration.

As matters stood by 31st December 2022, 28 Consideration matters were processed in 2022, comprising of 11 matters from 2019, 9 matters from 2020, 4 matters from 2021 and 4 matters from 2022.

A decision by a Legal Costs Adjudicator on a Consideration, is subject to Review by the High Court in accordance with s.161 of the Act.

Figure 8: Request for Consideration– In List Form

Consideration Originating Case -	No. of Cases	Total Amount Claimed €
Solicitors Acts	4	€193,494
Road Traffic Accidents	4	€1,531,192
Public Liability	1	€29,421
Professional Negligence	1	€70,234
Appeal - Court of Appeal	3	€101,560
Appeal - Supreme Court	2	€736,706
Security for Costs	1	€568,294
Commercial Court	1	€853,680
Defamation, Libel and Slander	3	€1,872,342
Motions Interlocutory	3	€53,131
Other - Specify	3	€75,123
Residential Institutions Redress Board	1	€28,117
Medical Negligence	1	€227,984
Total	28	€6,341,277

CHAPTER 5 - County Registrars Summary Report

It is a requirement of s. 141(5) that each County Registrar is to report to the Chief Legal Costs Adjudicator, as follows

(5) Each County Registrar shall report annually to the Chief Legal Costs Adjudicator providing a summary of the information contained in the register of taxation determinations maintained by him or her.

The information received by the Chief Legal Costs Adjudicator, from the County Registrars for the relevant period is shown below:

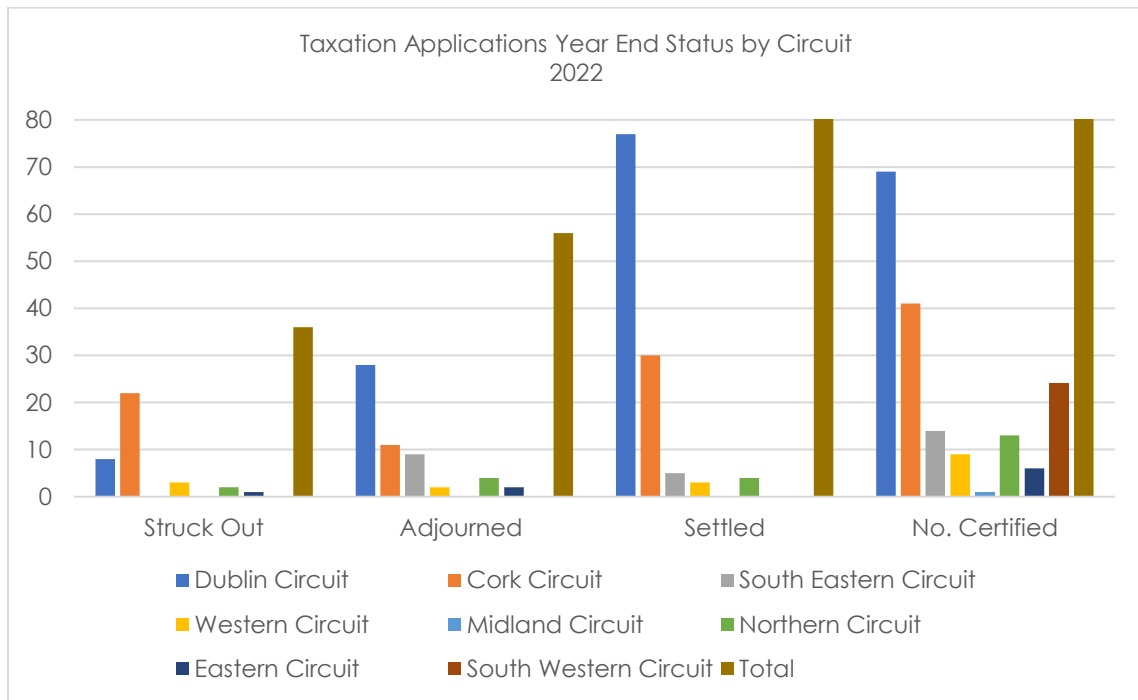
Figure 9: Table of 2022 Year End – Case Status reported by County Registrars

Taxation Applications Year End Status	No. of Cases
Struck Out	33
Adjourned	61
Settled	135
Certified	172
Other	20
Total	421

Figure 10: Taxation Applications Year End Status in List Form – by Circuit

Taxation Applications Year End Status by Circuit	No. Struck Out	No. Adjourned	No. Settled	No. Certified
Dublin Circuit	8	28	77	69
Cork Circuit	22	11	30	41
South Eastern Circuit	0	9	5	14
Western Circuit	3	2	3	9
Midland Circuit	0	0	0	1
Northern Circuit	2	4	4	13
Eastern Circuit	1	2	0	6
South Western Circuit	0	0	0	24
Total	36	56	119	177

Figure 11: Graph of Taxation Applications 2021 Year End Status by Circuit



2022 AT A GLANCE



APPLICATIONS PROCESSED

- 227 DETERMINED
- 186 PART HEARD
- 28 UNDER CONSIDERATION
- 550 SETTLED
- 991 TOTAL PROCESSED CASES IN 2022

DEVELOPMENT WORK - ICT



- DESKTOP MIGRATION
Improved IT and
communications technology

CUSTOMER SERVICE



- IRISH LANGUAGE -
Development in Progress
- CUSTOMER Charter in place
- OFFICE OF THE LEGAL
COSTS ADJUDICATORS
STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2026



ADJUDICATION SITTINGS

90 REMOTE CALLOVERS
182 REMOTE / PHYSICAL
HEARINGS



FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER

943

APPLICATIONS FILED

OF THESE

918 WERE ELECTRONICALLY FILED

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