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Court Statistics

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Introduction

The programme to improve the statistical information on the work of the courts and court offices continued in 2006. The ongoing information and communications technology programme has delivered year on year improvements in the range and quality of information available. At the same time, the Service continues to develop enhanced data quality control measures to ensure accuracy and consistency of the data produced.

The statistics in this Chapter are for the period from 1st January 2006 to 31st December 2006. They are presented by reference to specific categories of law: criminal, civil (excluding family), family and licensing. An overview of the performance of the courts in 2006 is in Chapter 2. In some instances statistics for 2005 and previous years are provided for comparison purposes.

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 2006	
Hilary:	11th January to 7th April
Easter:	24th April to 1st June
Trinity:	14th June to 31st July
Michaelmas:	2nd October to 21st December



Section 1

SUPREME COURT

Section 1 – Supreme Court

APPEALS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF: 2001 TO 2006

Year	Received	Disposed
2006	484	202
2005	446	211
2004	531	722*
2003	440	304
2002	415	324
2001	361	243
Total	2,677	2,006

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

JUDGMENTS

	2006	2005
Outstanding at 01/01	14	19
Judgments reserved	64	66
Judgments delivered	67	71
Outstanding at 31/12	11	14

OUTCOME OF APPEALS DISPOSED OF

	2006	2005
Appeal dismissed: High Court order affirmed	102	91
Appeal allowed: High Court order set aside	19	51
Appeal allowed: High Court order varied	26	16
Appeal struck out by consent	54	48
Cases stated determined	1	5
Total	202	211

APPEALS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF

Nature of Appeal	Received	Disposed
Asylum	24	9
Attachment/ Committal	2	0
Bail	18	8
Bankruptcy	0	2
Case Stated: District Court Appeal	4	0
Central Criminal Court	1	0
Chancery final order	9	12
Chancery interim/interlocutory	55	2
Circuit Court	1	0
Circuit Court case stated	7	1
Commercial List	14	8
Common Law interim/interlocutory	32	7
Companies Act	5	4
Competition	4	0
Consolidation	1	0
Constitution	0	1
Contract	0	2
Courts Martial Court	1	0
Criminal Assets Bureau	5	4
Discharge Masters Order	1	0
Discovery	0	3
Dismissed for want of prosecution	22	6
Examiner miscellaneous	0	1
Extradition/European Arrest Warrant	22	9
European Union Law	0	1
Family	10	3
Garda Compensation	1	0
Habeas Corpus/Article 40	15	11
Hepatitis C	1	0

Information Commissioner appeal	0	1
Join 3rd party as co-defendant	0	2
Judgment Summary Summons	4	3
Judicial Review: ex parte refused	9	15
Judicial Review: final refused	28	15
Judicial Review: interim/interlocutory	10	3
Judicial Review: planning	6	4
Judicial Review: injunction final	0	5
Judicial Review: Declaration final	0	5
Judicial Review: strike out final	1	0
Judicial Review: Certiorari final	0	6
Judicial Review: Mandamus final	0	1
Judicial Review: Prohibition final	32	5
Jury Actions	2	0
Medical Negligence	0	1
Motions	34	12
Non Jury action	16	1
Personal injury	58	20
Planning Act Section 160 final	4	1
Preliminary issue	4	0
Probate	1	0
Section 29 Court of Criminal Appeal	4	6
Security for costs	2	0
Solicitors Act	10	2
Solicitor Off Record	3	0
Wards of court	1	0
Total	484	202

An additional 35 appeals were withdrawn by letter, and a further 7 appeals were withdrawn or struck out in the case management list.

APPEALS LODGED BY

Appellants in person	57
Appellants in custody	6

LENGTH OF APPEAL

One day or less	188
Two days or more	15

MOTIONS

Motions Lodged	136
Motions Disposed of (7 motions adjourned to January 2007 (+ 4 carried over from Dec 2005)	133

SUPREME COURT OFFICE

Commissioners appointed	28
Notaries Public appointed	8
Certificates of authentication issued	8,832
Number called to the Inner Bar	12
Number called to the Outer Bar	152
Declarations made by newly appointed judges	9
Extensions of time granted to County Registrars/District Judges	5

NUMBER OF JUDGES HEARING APPEALS

Three judges	153
Five judges	41
Seven judges	1

Section 2

CRIMINAL

Section 2 - Criminal

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL

APPEALS BY REFERENCE TO TRIAL COURT

Court	On hand 01/01	Appeals lodged	Disposed of	On hand 31/12
Circuit Criminal Court	151	155	197	109
Central Criminal Court	56	42	55	43
Special Criminal Court	27	6	21	12
Courts-Martial Appeal Court	1	0	1	0
Appeals by the Director of Public Prosecutions	37	41	50	28
Criminal Procedure Act appeals	7	0	5	2
Total	279	244	329	194

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.

APPEALS BY REFERENCE TO TYPE OF APPEAL

	On hand 01/01	Appeals lodged	Disposed of	On hand 31/12
Conviction and sentence	71	43	62	52
Conviction only	54	32	49	37
Sentence only	154	169	218	105
Total	279	244	329	194

SECTION 2 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT, 1993

(APPEALS AGAINST SENTENCE BY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS)

	2006	2005
Refused	15	9
Original sentence quashed and sentence imposed in lieu	33	18
Struck out	0	1
Adjourned generally with liberty to re-enter	0	1
Liberty to withdraw granted	2	0
Total	50	29

OUTCOME OF APPEALS AGAINST SENTENCE

	2006	2005
Refused	56	38
Liberty to withdraw granted	28	24
Original sentence quashed and sentence imposed in lieu	40	40
Struck out appeal	10	8
Order quashed and order imposed in lieu	0	1
Adjourned generally with liberty to re-enter	3	0
Total	137	111

OUTCOME OF APPEALS AGAINST CONVICTION

	2006	2005
Refused	34	24
Liberty to withdraw granted	2	2
Conviction quashed, re-trial directed	1	6
Conviction quashed (no re-trial)	3	4
Appeal struck out	0	5
Adjourned generally with liberty to re-enter	5	0
Total	45	41

OUTCOME OF APPEALS AGAINST CONVICTION AND SENTENCE

	2006	2005
Refused	19	18
Conviction affirmed, sentence varied	14	9
Conviction quashed, re-trial directed	7	7
Conviction quashed (no re-trial)	8	6
Appeal struck out	2	3
Adjourned generally with liberty to re-enter	4	1
Liberty to withdraw granted	3	1
Total	57	45

Note: There were also 62 ordinary appeals withdrawn in the office in 2005

There were also 34 ordinary appeals withdrawn in the office in 2006

APPEALS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF: 2000 TO 2006

	Received	Disposed
2006	244	329
2005	257	290
2004	257	266
2003	257	347
2002	237	273
2001	287	216
2000	237	233
Total	1,776	1,954

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.

Number of applications issued	1,626
Orders made on own surety	500
Orders made on own surety and cash lodgment	94
Orders made on third party surety	199
Refused	323
Refused under Bail Act, 1997	16
Revoked	72
Withdrawn	212
Struck out	153
Orders varied	140
Consolidate	32
Other orders made	56

OUTCOME OF APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF

Granted	793
Refused	339
Withdrawn/ struck out	365
Varied	140

JURIES

Court	Number of summonses issued
Central Criminal	19,000
Circuit Criminal (Provincial)	54,018
Circuit Criminal (Dublin)	18,100
Total	91,118

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

MURDER

MURDER CASES: 2000 TO 2006

	Received	Disposed
2006	33	52
2005	35	42
2004	28	59
2003	39	58
2002	55	48
2001	31	32
2000	42	33
Total	263	324

OUTCOME OF CASES DISPOSED OF

	2006	2005
Convicted of murder	15	16
Convicted of offences other than murder	22	15
Found not guilty by reason of insanity	2	3
Acquitted	9	4
Other (including nolle prosequi)	4	4
Total	52	42

SENTENCES IMPOSED

	2006	2005
Life imprisonment	17	16
Over 10 years	2	0
Over 5 years to 10 years	13	12
Over 3 years to 5 years	6	3
Other	3	2
Not guilty by reason of insanity	2	3

PLEAS / JURY TRIALS

	2006	2005
Guilty pleas	6	11
Jury trials	42	25

RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES: 2000 TO 2006

	Received	Disposed
2006	58	61
2005	44	75
2004	40	72
2003	52	100
2002	82	93
2001	92	98
2000	113	94
Total	481	593

OUTCOME OF CASES DISPOSED OF

	2006	2005
Convicted of rape	27	10
Convicted of rape and other offences	0	20
Convicted of other sexual offences	14	10
Acquitted	8	15
Other (including nolle prosequi)	12	20
Total	61	75

SENTENCES IMPOSED IN CASES

	2006	2005
Life	1	0
Over 12 years	3	3
Over 5 years to 12 years	24	20
Up to 5 years	9	13
Other*	4	7

* Includes suspended sentences, bench warrants

PLEAS / JURY TRIALS

	2006	2005
Guilty pleas	23	25
Jury trials	23	34

OTHER CASES

	Received	Disposed
	4	2

SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT

CASES DISPOSED OF 2000 TO 2006

Year	Cases	Accused persons
2006	10	16
2005	6	21
2004	15	30
2003	9	19
2002	13	22
2001	18	32
2000	26	36
Total	97	176

	2006	2005
On hand 01/01	42	41
Received	6	7
Disposed of	10	6
Outstanding 31/12	38	42

	Trials	People	Convicted on plea of not guilty	Convicted on pleas of guilty	Struck out/nolle prosequi/acquitted
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	71	140	59	58	23

OUTCOME OF CASES DISPOSED OF BY OFFENCE

Offence	Convicted	Struck out/discharged/nolle prosequi/acquitted
Membership of an unlawful organisation	5	4
Possession of an explosive substance	4	0
Possession of an explosive device	2	0
Possession of ammunition	3	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	95	215	36	69	431	225	2	1	140	1,214
Defendants pleading guilty	87	199	22	60	394	167	1	1	104	1,035

OUTCOME OF TRIALS

	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Convicted	2	9	3	3	8	20	1	0	20	66
Acquitted	3	3	8	4	13	25	0	0	15	71
Nolle prosequi	3	4	3	2	16	13	0	0	1	42

SENTENCES (ALL CASES)

	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Community Service	7	25	0	2	15	14	0	0	8	71
Suspended sentence	36	127	13	38	202	108	0	0	72	596
Fine	6	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	16	32
Imprisonment up to 2 years	31	45	10	23	157	65	0	0	31	362
Over 2 years to 5 years	21	53	8	21	124	41	0	0	26	294
Over 5 years to 10 years	0	18	2	2	10	8	0	1	3	44
Over 10 years	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Other	28	1	2	0	14	20	2	0	8	75

PROVINCIAL

CASES DISPOSED OF

	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Defendants	79	197	70	59	345	407	5	4	186	1,352
Defendants pleading guilty	63	177	46	44	267	284	5	0	118	1,004

OUTCOME OF TRIALS

	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Convicted	6	3	6	3	16	39	0	1	13	87
Acquitted	7	3	7	7	28	58	0	3	17	130
Nolle prosequi	3	14	11	5	34	26	0	0	38	131

SENTENCES IMPOSED (ALL CASES)

	Road traffic	Drug offences	Sexual offences	Firearms offences	Larceny/ Fraud/ Robbery	Assault	Child abuse	Man-slaughter	Other	Total
Community Service	1	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	3	11
Suspended sentence	22	77	22	18	100	173	3	4	38	457
Fine	9	2	1	2	5	6	0	0	40	65
Imprisonment up to 2 years	18	24	11	8	65	58	0	0	15	199
Over 2 years to 5 years	20	44	11	14	88	69	6	0	20	272
Over 5 years to 10 years	1	16	7	6	14	4	0	0	2	50
Over 10 years	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Other	12	7	8	3	27	27	1	0	19	104

DISTRICT COURT

See also appendix III.

CASES DISPOSED OF

	2006	2005
Summary cases	329,775	302,134
Indictable cases dealt with summarily	48,272	41,374

ALL CASES DISPOSED OF

Public order/assault	38,700
Drugs	8,842
Larceny	24,463
Road traffic offences	224,848
Sexual offences	415
Other *	80,779
Total	378,047

* 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	36,601
Drugs	497
Road Traffic Offences	222,376
Sexual Offences	158
Other*	70,143
Total	329,775

OUTCOMES OF SUMMARY CASES DISPOSED OF

Imprisonment/Detention	11,462
Fines	95,913
Community Service	1,389
Probation	17,216
Struck Out	121,871
Dismiss	12,727
Taken into consideration**	61,968
Adjourn generally and other	6,082
Peace Bond	1,147
Total	329,775

** 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.

INDICTABLE CASES DISPOSED OF

Public Order/Assault	2,146
Drugs	8,357
Larceny	24,430
Road Traffic Offences	2,281
Sexual Offences	259
Other*	10,799
Total	48,272

The maximum sentence that can be imposed by the District Court in respect of any offence is 12 months. The cumulative duration in respect of consecutive sentences cannot exceed two years.

* 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.

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OUTCOMES OF INDICTABLE CASES DISPOSED OF

Imprisonment/Detention	9,556
Fines	6,802
Community Service	1,103
Probation	7,267
Struck Out	10,827
Dismiss	1,180
Taken into consideration**	9,447
Adjourn generally and other	1,340
Peace Bond	750
Total	48,272

The maximum fine the District Court can impose depends on the offence. In general, the maximum fine which the District Court can impose in respect of any one offence is €3,000.

JUVENILE CRIME

Age of child*	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Not recorded	Total
Struck Out	1	7	21	45	84	149	159	99	565
No Order	0	0	5	10	27	40	46	3	131
Probation	0	0	6	15	52	72	85	74	304
Withdrawn	1	2	6	4	10	25	30	56	134
Dismissed	0	4	3	13	23	42	48	25	158
Detention	0	0	4	24	62	117	118	74	399
Returned to higher court for trial	0	0	1	8	14	31	41	26	121
Fine	0	0	0	5	6	27	23	25	86
Peace bond	0	0	0	4	6	23	16	13	62
Community service	0	0	0	0	3	12	22	23	60
Poor box	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	0	10
Disqualified from driving	0	0	0	2	12	18	25	33	90
Dismissed under the Probation Act	0	2	8	15	25	46	43	77	216
Other	1	0	0	2	4	14	4	24	50
Total	3	15	55	147	329	620	665	552	2,386

* as at 31st December 2006



Section 3

CIVIL

Section 3 – Civil

HIGH COURT

PERSONAL INJURY

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
Assault Cases	292	214
Medical Negligence Cases	334	312
Personal Injury Summonses	2,673	746
Personal Injury Summonses (Fatal actions)	3	9
Section 12 PIAB Act	70	29

ANALYSIS OF CASES SET DOWN FOR TRIAL

Dublin	2006	2005
On hand at 01/01	8,754	5,897
Received	2,837	5,476
Disposed of	2,448	2,619
On hand at 31/12	9,143	8,754

Dundalk	2006	2005
On hand at 01/01	542	499
Received	363	408
Disposed of	453	365
On hand at 31/12	452	542

Galway	2006	2005
On hand at 01/01	498	453
Received	358	511
Disposed of	656	466
On hand at 31/12	200	498

Cork	2006	2005
On hand at 01/01	681	644
Received	409	543
Disposed of	556	506
On hand at 31/12	534	681

Limerick	2006	2005
On hand at 01/01	923	662
Received	536	757
Disposed of	665	496
On hand at 31/12	794	923

Sligo	2006	2005
On hand at 01/01	388	255
Received	190	362
Disposed of	328	229
On hand at 31/12	250	388

Waterford	2006	2005
On hand at 01/01	274	248
Received	148	231
Disposed of	183	205
On hand at 31/12	239	274

Kilkenny	2006	2005
On hand at 01/01	167	113
Received	65	137
Disposed of	100	83
On hand at 31/12	132	167

TOTAL PERSONAL AND FATAL INJURIES CASES

	2006	2005
On hand at 01/01	12,227	8,667
Received	4,906	8,425
Disposed of	5,389	4,969
On hand at 31/12	11,744	12,227

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Assessment of damages	119	138
Dismiss	69	86
Liability in issue	85	107
Settled at hearing	259	283
Listed but settled before hearing	2,781	2,941
Fatal settled	118	144
Minor settled	273	275
Assessment of damages settled	61	53

Awards were made in 176 personal injury cases in the High Court in 2006. Judgment was either on consent or followed a hearing or disclosed terms of consent. The highest award was €3,350,000.00 and the lowest award was €2,500.00. The total amount awarded in all cases was €22,981,695.00.

ANALYSIS OF AWARDS MADE

Amount	Number of cases
€0 to €37,999	66
€38,000 to €99,999	66
€100,000 to €199,999	16
€200,000 to €999,999	25
€1m +	3
TOTAL	176

CIRCUIT COURT

PERSONAL INJURY

Awards were made or approved in 1,102 personal injury cases. The highest amount awarded was €59,551.96, the lowest €176.00. The total amount awarded in all cases was €14,792,242.26.

ANALYSIS OF AWARDS MADE

Amount	Number of cases
€30,000 +	53
€20,000 to €29,999	175
€10,000 to €19,999	429
€0 to €9,999	445

AWARDS MADE BY THE COURT OR SETTLEMENTS RULED

County	Number of cases
Carlow	13
Cavan	17
Clare	20
Cork	106
Donegal	35
Dublin	512
Galway	35
Kerry	43
Kildare	2
Kilkenny	14
Laois	6
Leitrim	6

Limerick	46
Longford	4
Louth	45
Mayo	31
Meath	28
Monaghan	19
Offaly	5
Roscommon	6
Sligo	2
Tipperary	58
Waterford	17
Westmeath	7
Wexford	20
Wicklow	5
TOTAL	1,102

DUBLIN CIRCUIT COURT

CASES ISSUED

1,298

CASES DISPOSED OF

Manner in which cases disposed of	
Settled in court	1,426
Heard and dealt with by court	372
Adjourned generally	477
Total	2,275

OUTCOME OF CASES DISPOSED OF

Plaintiff awarded compensation	448
Order made against defendant	946
Dismissed or struck out	404
Adjourned generally	477
Total	2,275

HIGH COURT

CIRCUIT COURT APPEALS

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
Northern Circuit	9	14
Southern Circuit	22	52
Eastern Circuit	12	22
Western Circuit	11	16
Midland Circuit	12	9
Dublin Circuit	137	212
South Western Circuit	3	1
Applications to extend time to Appeal	48	72
Total (Excl. High Court on Circuit)	254	398

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Circuit Appeal Final	162	175
Stay Circuit Court Order	10	3
Extend time to Appeal	36	21

CHANCERY MATTERS

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
Restoration of Company to Register	203	182
Winding Up Company	98	106
Examinership	8	5
Section 205 Petitions	22	16
Section 106	7	9
Section 150 Companies Acts *	50	70
Section 160	21	31
Other Applications pursuant to Companies Acts	53	68

* See also page 118.

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Restore of Company to Register	195	178
Wind Up Company	32	48
Examiner Appointed	5	7
Interim Examiner Appointed	5	6
Section 106	6	8
Section 150 Granted *	76	106
Section 150 Refused *	17	16
Section 160 Granted	8	6
Section 160 Refused	2	0
Other Companies Acts Orders	245	173
Chancery Action Hearing Final	54	63
Chancery Action Settled Final	163	162
Chancery Action Settled at Hearing Final	50	25
Chancery Special Summons Final	102	64
Injunctions (interim)	145	157
Injunctions (interlocutory)	54	75
Mortgage Suit (Well charging Order)	36	41
Possession Orders	61	60
Other Chancery Orders	582	508

* See also page 118.

REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
Dentists Acts	1	1
Medical Council Matters	29	24
Nurses Acts	19	19
Solicitors Matters	4	1

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Medical Council Matters Interim	10	14
Medical Council Matters Final	16	18
Nurses Acts Interim	2	7
Nurses Acts Interim	19	15

ACTIONS TO RECOVER DEBT

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
European Enforcement Order	2	0
Examination Of Debtors	12	2
Foreign Judgments	36	38
Revenue Summons	901	704
Summary Summons	1,894	1,782

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Foreign Judgments	25	38
Liberty to enter final judgment	267	291
Court judgment on foot of summary proceedings	45	35
Appoint receiver (equitable execution)	10	8
Garnishee conditional Order	19	17
Garnishee Final Order	11	7

JUDICIAL REVIEW

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
Asylum	909	758
Certiorari	289	917*
Certiorari & Declaration	67	69
Injunction	53	39
Mandamus	90	110
Planning	50	47
Prohibition	74	77
Public Procurement	3	3

* Due to improvements in categorisation in 2006, Asylum and Planning cases previously included under Certiorari, Mandamus, Prohibition and Certiorari and Declaration are now categorised separately.

ORDERS MADE

Asylum	2006	2005
Leave to apply Granted	139	111
Leave to apply Refused	44	51
Final Order Granted	21	11
Final Order Refused	24	16
Miscellaneous Interim Order	147	152
Final Order (Settled)	358	295

Certiorari/Mandamus	2006	2005
Certiorari Granted	128	109
Mandamus Granted	10	2

Planning	2006	2005
Leave to Apply Granted	16	23
Leave to Apply Refused	2	7
Injunction Final	1	2
Mandamus Final	1	0
Refused Final	12	12
Strike Out Final	1	2

Prohibition	2006	2005
Granted	23	13
Leave to Apply Granted	561	494
Leave to Apply Refused	56	144
Interim Order	187	325
Refused Final	70	88
Strike Out Final	123	89

NON-JURY MATTERS

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
Breach of Contract	613	578
Nuisance	16	5
Negligence	300	410
Probate	27	16

CASES CERTIFIED FOR HEARING

Year	On hand 01/01	Received	Disposed of	On hand 31/12
2006	328	233	194	367
2005	232	266	170	328

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Final Order	11	19
Settled at hearing	6	7
Settled	51	41

JURY MATTERS

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
Defamation	25	33
False Imprisonment	18	15
Libel	106	88
Slander	8	10

CASES SET DOWN FOR HEARING

Year	On hand 01/01	Received	Disposed of	On hand 31/12
2006	80	84	57	107
2005	52	63	35	80

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Final Order	6	4
Settled	21	12

COMMERCIAL COURT

On hand at 01/01	16
Admitted to list	262
Refused entry to list	47
Disposed of	189
Outstanding at 31/12	73

ANALYSIS OF CASES DISPOSED OF

Interim motion	12
Settled after entry	18
Settled after directions hearing	52
Settled after hearing date set	28
Settled after pre-trial conference	4
Settled at hearing	36
Judgment after full hearing	39

STATESIDE MATTERS

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
Case Stated from District Court	33	41
Habeas Corpus Applications	179	251

ORDERS MADE

Case Stated from District Court	27
Case Stated Revenue	3
Habeas Corpus Conditional Ex Parte	131
Habeas Corpus Ex Parte Refused	24
Habeas Corpus Refuse Final	39
Habeas Corpus Release Final	53

ADMIRALTY

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
	11	6

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Interim	3	14
Final	6	3

EUROPEAN ARREST WARRANTS**CASES ISSUED**

	2006	2005
	171	61

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Final Order	37	12
Final Order (Consent)	30	8
Refused	11	5
Remand in Custody	31	9
Warrant to Arrest	18	21
Bail	37	2
Endorse Warrant	99	18
Outgoing	40	17
Miscellaneous	20	15

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**CASES ISSUED**

	2006	2005
	5	5

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Information Commissioner Appeal Allowed	0	0
Information Commissioner Appeal Refused	2	0

GARDA COMPENSATION**CASES ISSUED**

	2006	2005
	171	223

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
	150	153

HEPATITIS C APPEALS**CASES ISSUED**

	2006	2005
	18	39

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
	36	28

SECTION 160 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000**CASES ISSUED**

	2006	2005
	16	21

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Interim Order	9	10
Final Order	7	14

CRIMINAL ASSETS BUREAU MATTERS

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
	15	13

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Section 2 (Interim)	5	7
Section 3 (Interlocutory)	4	6
Section 7 (Receiver)	5	10
Miscellaneous	104	74

OTHER CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
Applications to take evidence	14	9
Criminal Justice Act applications	4	8
Extradition	1	8
Minor Cases	25	29
State Property Act	1	-
Transfer of Prisoners	20	4
Waste Management Acts	4	2
Water Pollution Acts	2	0
Arbitration Matters	30	32
Appeal from Determination of Pension Ombudsman	4	N/A
Conversion	5	11
Declarations	662	844

	2006	2005
Employment Equality Act Applications	3	2
European Convention on Human Rights	4	1
Forfeiture	4	3
Injunctions	338	478*
Mortgage Suit	74	65
Partition Acts	3	3
Patents Acts	10	5
Possession Orders	237	140
Rescission	24	20
Specific Performance	259	239
Succession	62	56
Trade Marks Act	3	2
Trespass	25	21
Trustee Matters	19	9
Vendor & Purchaser	8	9

* Includes injunctions previously categorised as Judicial Review injunctions

MASTERS ORDERS

	2006	2005
Adopt from Circuit Court	637	612
Adjourn to Plenary Hearing	74	58
Amend Summons	165	144
Discovery	1,220	1,292
Dismiss Plaintiff's Claim	121	120
Extend Time for Discovery	108	-
Extend time for delivery of Statement of Claim	117	-
Join a Co-Defendant	141	383
Payment out of funds in Court	65	93
Remit to Circuit Court	264	271
Renew Summons	20	79
Refuse Application	227	229
Strike Out Motion with Costs	943	1,039
Other Masters Orders	742	1,083
Total	4,844	5,403

INTERIM PAYMENT OUT OF REDRESS BOARD AWARD

	2006	2005
	118	14

FILINGS

	2006	2005
Admit (Notice to)	38	26
Affidavit	32,938	31,169
Answer	1	1
Affidavit of Service	3,913	3,602
Notice of Appeal	257	255
Appearance	8,545	11,176
Books of Appeal	194	251
CIR (community insolvency regulations)	3	2
Cancel Discontinuance	9	5
Notice of Indemnity & Contribution	461	536
Cert of Readiness	369	354
Discontinuance	2,032	1,741
Fifa	914	1,029
Judgment in Default of appearance	576	724
Judgment Mortgage Affidavit	402	447
Judgment on foot of Master's Order	157	184
Lis Pendens	127	119
Master's Motion	4,741	5,727
Notice to Attorney General	8	3
Cert of No Appearance	632	753
Notice to Human Rights Commission	2	4
Notice of Intention to proceed	3,044	2,561
Notice of Appointment of Solicitor	76	83
Notice of Change of Solicitor	2,740	3,942

	2006	2005
Notice of Discharge of Solicitor	42	25
Notice of Motion (Court)	11,830	11,975
Notice to cross examine	104	96
Notice to produce	1,476	1,772
Notice to trustees	42	44
Statement of Opposition	527	348
Particulars	3	4
Possession order	32	23
Renew fifa	9	3
Register judgment (High Court)	218	225
Reply to Notice for Particulars	0	0
S.5 Cert ¹ (judicial separation)	28	40
S.6 Cert (judicial separation)	27	26
S. 6 Cert ² (divorce)	16	8
S. 7 Cert (divorce)	14	10
Satisfaction (High Court judgment)	39	44
Setting Down	5,443	6,890
Statement of claim	215	282
Statement of Affairs	38	52
Statement to ground judicial review application	1,625	1,491
Submissions	390	309
Third party notice	185	240
Vacate Lis Pendens	31	30
Withdraw case by letters	226	263
TOTAL	84,760	100,259

¹ These certificates are required under the Judicial Separation and Family Law Reform Act 1989 to show that the parties have been made aware of the possibility of mediation

² These certificates are required under the Family Law Divorce Act 1996 to show that the parties have been made aware of the possibility of mediation

OTHER CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Revenue Case Stated	4
Lis Pendens (Circuit)	36
Subpoenas Issued	5,198
Notice As To Stock	44
Withdrawal of Notice as to Stock	5
Unclaimed Dividends	9
Bills of sale/Chattel Mortgage	101
Satisfaction of Bill of Sale	2
Bonds	1
Vacate of Bonds	14
Deed Polls (Enrolled only)	379
Power of Attorney Filed	11

JUDGMENTS REGISTERED

High	314
Circuit	1,103
District	1,543
Total	2,960

JUDGMENTS SATISFIED

District	94
Circuit	111
High	62
Total	267

ANALYSIS OF WRITTEN JUDGMENTS*

Principal cause of action	Number of judgments
Personal injury	37
Chancery (excluding Companies Acts and commercial cases)	73
Companies Acts	14
Commercial List	24
Competition	2
European Arrest Warrant	27
Hague Luxembourg Convention	12
Proceeds of Crime Act (CAB)	6
Non-jury (negligence, breach of contract)	22
Planning Act matters	15
Family Law (judicial separation)	3
Assault	3
Libel	1
Judicial Review (excluding asylum, prohibition and planning)	41
Judicial Review (asylum)	47
Judicial Review (prohibition)	21
Judicial Review (planning)	13
Planning (section 60 Planning & Development Act, 2000)	4
Revenue	2
Cases Stated	14
Arbitration	2

Principal cause of action	Number of judgments
Debt	6
Social Welfare Acts	1
Habeas Corpus / Article 40 Constitution	8
Hepatitis C Appeals	1
Freedom of Information Act	2

* figures do not include all judgments delivered

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SOLICITOR FOR MINORS AND WARDS OF COURT

	2006	2005
Wardship cases	467	463
Sub cases	130	149

FUNDS HELD

At December 31st 2006, the balance in the Committee Account (on behalf of Wards and Minors) amounted to €861,352.44.

REASON FOR PERSONS ADMITTED TO WARSHIP

Acquired Brain Injury	52
Elderly Mental Infirm	154
Learning or Intellectual Disability	98
Minor	10
Pending cases	6
Psychiatric Illness	145
Residential Abuse	2
Total	467

OFFICE OF WARDS OF COURT

	2006	2005
Wardship cases	2,663	2,059
Applications awaiting hearing	499	531
Total	3,162	2,590

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Inquiry orders	206	258
Declaration orders	204	215
Declaration orders (minors)	27	15
Dismissal orders	158	195
Orders (other)	593	509

ENDURING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

	2006	2005
Registered	168	116

PROBATE OFFICE

Principal Registry	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	5,585	5,642
Intestacies	1,835	2,031
Personal applicants (included in above)	1,199	1,365
Caveats	628	540
Appearances	43	39
Other forms of proceedings: citations	27	27
Warnings	57	73

PROBATES AND ADMINISTRATIONS GRANTED

	2006	2005
On foot of court action	36	101
In the registry without decree or order of the court	7,420	7,673
Revocation of probate or administration	16	66

FEES GENERATED BY OFFICE

	2006	2005
	(€)	(€)
Total amount of fees received	2,357,164	2,146,985
Fees on personal applications	*540,622	*515,984

* included in total figure

LOCAL REGISTRIES

Castlebar	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	387	422
Intestacies	151	195

Cavan	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	160	154
Intestacies	79	116

Clonmel	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	487	508
Intestacies	154	167

Cork	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	1,041	893
Intestacies	320	304

Dundalk	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	344	306
Intestacies	134	160

Galway	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	577	697
Intestacies	265	297

Kilkenny	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	359	371
Intestacies	140	152

Letterkenny	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	177	180
Intestacies	98	104

Limerick	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	648	685
Intestacies	225	280

Mullingar	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	265	281
Intestacies	118	104

Sligo	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	246	231
Intestacies	104	101

Tralee	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	368	383
Intestacies	167	148

Waterford	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	259	292
Intestacies	95	84

Wexford	2006	2005
Probates (and administrations with wills annexed)	336	283
Intestacies	113	100

PROBATES (AND ADMINISTRATIONS WITH WILLS ANNEXED)

	2006	2005
Dublin	5,585	5,642
Local registries	5,653	5,686
Total	11,238	11,328

INTESTACIES (NO VALID WILL)

	2006	2005
Dublin	1,835	2,031
Local registries	2,163	2,312
Total	3,998	4,343

EXAMINERS OFFICE

Cases Completed	2006	2005
Liquidations	100	47
Mortgage suits	15	10

Number of sittings	2006	2005
Administration suits	22	11
Next of kin inquiries	16	4

General	2006	2005
Examiners' Certificates filed	245	177

While no Administration Suit was completed in 2006, the increase in the number of sittings is an indication that a number of old and complex cases were actively pursued. It is anticipated that some of these cases will be the subject of court applications in 2007.

COURT PROCEEDINGS, EXAMINER'S COURT ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Liquidations	283	275
Mortgage suits	37	18

SECTION 150 COMPANIES ACT, 1990

	2006	2005
Motions issued	22	22
Dealt with	23	33

RESTRICTION ORDERS IN COURT LIQUIDATIONS

Year	Directors restricted	Directors not restricted	Total number of directors dealt with
2006	32	17	49
2005	38	22	60

OFFICE OF THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE IN BANKRUPTCY

Year	On hand 01/01 Received	New Cases	Disposed of	On hand 31/12
Bankruptcies	474	9	13	470
Arrangements	23	1	1	23

ANALYSIS OF CASES DISPOSED OF

Annulled	4
Discharged	9
Order of Protection lifted in Arrangement	1

ANALYSIS OF BANKRUPTCIES DISCHARGED

Section 41*	5
Section 85(3)(a)(i)**	2
Section 85(4)(c)***	2

* Section 41 - An offer of composition.

** Section 85(3)(a)(i) - Payment of 100% dividend.

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

ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS MADE

Amount of Dividend/ Composition paid out	€443,190.74*
Creditors paid	101

* This figure is comprised of:

- Bankruptcies where Discharge Orders were made (9 in total)
- An Interim payment made in March and
- A Dividend paid in December '06 resulting in a discharge in January '07.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (PERSONAL INSOLVENCY) REGULATIONS 2002

Entries on 01/01	8
Entries 01/01 - 31/12	4
Entries on 31/12	12*

* This figure comprises entries from the following countries: Northern Ireland (2); England (5); United Kingdom (4); Germany (1).

OFFICE OF THE TAXING MASTER

	2006	2005
Bills certified	486	525
Items certified	53,797	55,228
Costs claimed	€41,218,047.94	€28,292,536.00
Costs allowed	€30,490,854.52	€21,873,284.00
Fees (duty)	€1,327,594.48	€1,284,672.82
Duty on summonses	€141,460.00	€138,930.00

CIRCUIT COURT**CIVIL BUSINESS DISPOSED OF**

	Notices of Trial	Motions	Civil appeals	Liquor licences granted
2006	8,168	18,425	334	491
2005	12,262	21,497	403	475

PRE-HEARING ACTIVITY

	2006	2005
Dealt with by county registrars	10,948	16,801
Dealt with by court	2,718	4,696

CASES DISPOSED OF

	2006	2005
Settled	4,089	6,197
Dealt with by county registrar	431	570
Dealt with by court	3,450	5,254
Adjourned with liberty to re-enter	198	241

JUDGMENTS MARKED IN THE OFFICE

2006	7,989
2005	8,170

CASES ISSUED

County	2006	2005
Carlow	330	300
Cavan	357	262
Clare	509	499
Cork	3,071	2,535
Donegal	669	583
Dublin *	8,629	7,467
Galway	1,350	1,200
Kerry	757	700
Kildare	1,063	853
Kilkenny	447	351
Laois	286	258
Leitrim	154	107
Limerick	1,212	952
Longford	197	183
Louth	791	597
Mayo	812	567
Meath	833	739
Monaghan	363	332
Offaly	345	281
Roscommon	304	234
Sligo	299	243
Tipperary	969	899
Waterford	793	730
Westmeath	516	432
Wexford	811	766
Wicklow	636	622
Total	26,503	22,692

* Additional information about cases dealt with in Dublin is on page 121.

DUBLIN CIRCUIT COURT

(For information on personal injury cases, see page 104)

CASES ISSUED

	Testamentary	Employment Law	Ordinary civil bill (including breach of contract and debt)	Landlord and Tenant (including *PRTB)	Equity	Other	Total
	28	93	6,043	384	480	303	7,331

* PRTB = Private Residential Tenancies Board

NOTICE OF TRIALS DISPOSED OF

Manner in which cases disposed of	Testamentary	Employment Law	Ordinary civil bill (including breach of contract and debt)	Landlord and Tenant (including *PRTB)	Equity	Other	Total
Settled in court	6	8	250	48	76	119	507
Heard and dealt with by court	4	3	64	15	23	41	150
Adjourned generally	4	8	61	8	15	154	250
Total	14	19	375	71	114	314	907

* PRTB = Private Residential Tenancies Board

Outcome of cases disposed of	Testamentary	Employment Law	Ordinary civil bill (including breach of contract and debt)	Landlord and Tenant (including *PRTB)	Equity	Other	Total
Plaintiff awarded compensation	0	0	75	4	8	31	118
Order made against defendant	9	8	170	45	67	102	401
Dismissed or struck out	1	3	69	14	24	27	138
Total	10	11	314	63	99	160	657

* PRTB = Private Residential Tenancies Board

MOTIONS DEALT WITH BY COUNTY REGISTRAR

Discovery	Applications to transfer to the High Court	Sub service	Judgment	Extension of time	Join parties	Other	Total
522	218	508	1,230	47	209	985	3,719

DISTRICT COURT

APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH

Ejectment Proceedings	152
Summary Judgment	20,391
Small Claims	2,877
Ordinary Civil Process	6,415
Summons of a civil nature	7,394
Other	358
Instalment orders	9,325
Committal orders	5,930
Total	52,842

SMALL CLAIMS PROCEDURE

Type of applications received	2006	2005
Holidays	393	341
Professional services	148	101
Dry cleaners	105	135
Building	105	115
Damage to private property	158	136
Key money	41	75
Electrical goods	309	219
Audio/computer	225	153
Clothing	93	122
Shoes	70	57
Furniture	160	207
Carpets/flooring	88	72
Doors/roofs	73	60
Cars	207	275
Other	815	637
Total	2,990	2,705

Claims disposed of	2006	2005
Cases not covered by procedure	44	56
Cases not proceeded with	400	303
Decrees by default	377	310
Settled by Registrar	1,326	1,468
Referred to court	730	560
Total	2,877	2,697

Cases adjudicated by court	2006	2005
Decrees granted	377	336
Cases dismissed	101	76
Cases struck out/withdrawn	252	148
Total	730	560

The District Court deals with applications under the Environmental Protection Act, 1992 for orders in connection with the curtailment or abatement of noise.

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

Section 107	2006	2005
Applications received	11	13
Successful applications	6	12

Section 108	2006	2005
Applications received	96	36
Successful applications	36	26

Section 4

FAMILY

Section 4 - Family law

DIVORCE, JUDICIAL SEPARATION AND NULLITY

CHANGING TRENDS: APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

	Divorce		Judicial separation		Nullity	
	High	Circuit	High	Circuit	High	Circuit
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

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

	2006		2005	
	High	Circuit	High	Circuit
Divorce	39	3,986	30	4,096
Judicial separation	50	1,789	49	1,658
Nullity	1	60	1	50

CHANGING TRENDS: ORDERS GRANTED

	Divorce		Judicial separation		Nullity	
	High	Circuit	High	Circuit	High	Circuit
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

ORDERS GRANTED

	2006		2005	
	High	Circuit	High	Circuit
Divorce	47	3,420	20	3,391
Judicial separation	27	1,072	23	950
Nullity	0	25	6	37

HIGH COURT

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.

OTHER FAMILY LAW

CASES ISSUED

	2006	2005
Adoption	24	8
Family Law Appeals	89	82
Guardianship	4	6
Hague Luxembourg Convention Applications	46	31
Maintenance	2	0

ORDERS MADE

	2006	2005
Adoption Final	9	10
Family Law Appeals	47	49
Hague Luxembourg Convention interim	90	64
Hague Luxembourg Convention Remain Final Consent	29	8
Hague Luxembourg Convention Remain Final Court	0	1
Hague Luxembourg Convention Return Final Consent	12	10
Hague Luxembourg Convention Return Final Court	3	1
Hague Luxembourg Convention Assess Child	2	-
Maintenance	1	9
Interim Access	14	17
Other Family Orders	247	180

CIRCUIT COURT

See also appendix II.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

	2006	2005
Divorce	3,986	4,096
Judicial separation	1,789	1,658
Nullity	60	50
Section 33 Family Law Act, 1995	903	923
Family law appeals	610	561

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.

APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF IN 2006

	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn, struck out, adjourned generally
Divorce	3,420	3	30
Judicial separation	1,072	0	35
Nullity	25	0	4
Section 33	836	29	8

APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF IN 2005

	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn, struck out, adjourned generally
Divorce	3,391	5	43
Judicial separation	950	0	43
Nullity	37	1	1
Section 33	870	18	8

DISTRICT COURT**2006****DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT, 1996**

	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

2006**PROTECTION ORDER APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH (BY STATUS OF APPLICANT)**

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

2005**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT, 1996**

	Applications	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn/ struck out
Barring orders	3,183	1,265	100	1,818
Safety orders	2,866	1,037	115	1,714
Protection orders	2,850	2,622	71	157
Interim barring orders	622	550	34	38

2005**PROTECTION ORDER APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH (BY STATUS OF APPLICANT)**

Applicant	Granted	Interim barring in lieu	Refused	Withdrawn/ struck out
Spouse	1,469	0	45	107
Common law	804	0	16	43
Parent	299	0	4	7
Other	46	0	5	0
Health Board	4	0	1	0
Total	2,622	0	71	157

2006

SAFETY ORDER APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH (BY STATUS OF APPLICANT)

Applicant	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn/ 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

2006

BARRING ORDER APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH (BY STATUS OF APPLICANT)

Applicant	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn/ 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

2005

SAFETY ORDER APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH (BY STATUS OF APPLICANT)

Applicant	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn/ struck out
Spouse	633	48	1,032
Common law	291	12	416
Parent	91	42	210
Other	22	12	55
Health Board	0	1	1
Total	1,037	115	1,714

2005

BARRING ORDER APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH (BY STATUS OF APPLICANT)

Applicant	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn/ struck out
Spouse	726	66	1,067
Common law	362	23	493
Parent	173	10	257
Other	0	1	0
Health Board	4	0	1
Total	1,265	100	1,818

2006

INTERIM BARRING ORDER APPLICATIONS
DEALT WITH (BY STATUS OF APPLICANT)

Applicant	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn/ 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

2005

INTERIM BARRING ORDER APPLICATIONS
DEALT WITH (BY STATUS OF APPLICANT)

Applicant	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn/ struck out
Spouse	313	22	23
Common law	150	8	9
Parent	83	4	6
Other	3	0	0
Health Board	1	0	0
Total	550	34	38

CHANGING TRENDS

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

* 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

GUARDIANSHIP OF CHILDREN

2006

APPLICATIONS FOR CUSTODY AND ACCESS

	Applications dealt with	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn struck out
Custody and 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

2006

APPLICATIONS FOR GUARDIANSHIP

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

2006

MAINTENANCE

	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

2005

APPLICATIONS FOR CUSTODY AND ACCESS

	Applications dealt with	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn struck out
Custody and access	829	540	42	247
Custody only	749	418	29	302
Access only	3,020	2,215	69	736
Total	4,598	3,173	140	1,285

2005

APPLICATIONS FOR GUARDIANSHIP

	Applications dealt with	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn struck out
Non-marital fathers Section 6(a)	1,734	1,266	48	420

2005

MAINTENANCE

	Applications dealt with	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn struck out
Maintenance applications (married)	1,566	1,070	37	459
Maintenance applications (unmarried)	2,562	1,816	38	708
Maintenance Act 1994 applications	7	4	0	3
Maintenance Foreign Jurisdictions Act, 1974	36	26	3	7
Total	4,171	2,916	78	1,177

CHILDCARE

SUPERVISION AND 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.

SUPERVISION AND CARE ORDERS GRANTED

	2006	2005
Supervision orders	520	372
Care orders	1,125	975

The court may also grant interim care orders.



Section 5 LICENSING

Section 5 - Licensing

CIRCUIT COURT

LIQUOR LICENCES GRANTED

	Pub	Hotel	Special restaurant cert	Club	Total
2006	322	98	51	20	491
2005	325	83	50	17	475

DISTRICT COURT

LICENSING APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF

	2006	2005
Renewal of publican licences	1,111	1,403
Temporary transfer of licence	1,121	1,014
Annual dance licence	1,625	1,609
Temporary dance licence	388	328
Restaurant certificate	1,157	1,106
Special exemption orders	91,157	93,247
Lottery licence	1,265	1,285
Other	8,897	8,120
Total	106,721	108,112

Chapter 7

Financial statements

Expenditure and Income

	2006	2005
	€ '000	€ '000
CURRENT EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and Wages	49,744	46,917
Travel and Subsistence	3,818	3,744
Staff and judicial training	1,095	848
Stenography and other fees	4,410	2,976
Legal services	799	949
Postal services	1,057	951
Telecommunications	1,427	1,186
Office equipment and materials	1,310	1,258
Courthouse maintenance	11,135	8,673
Heat, light and fuel costs	2,041	1,846
Furniture and fittings	1,229	567
Leases	6,086	6,821
Consultancy (Non I.T related)	126	171
Incorporated Council of Law Reporting of Ireland	41	61
Incidental/ miscellaneous costs	3,116	2,327
Total Current Expenditure	87,434	79,295
Telecommunications systems	36	24
Computer systems	8,362	7,076
Courthouses and other buildings	21,623	18,773
Total Capital Expenditure	30,021	25,873
Total Expenditure	117,455	105,168
Income (Appropriations - in - Aid)		
Fees	32,688	30,000
Dormant Court Funds (Funds of Suitors)	-	9,300
Miscellaneous	878	1,035
Total Income	33,566	40,335
Net Expenditure	83,889	64,833

Statement on Internal Financial Controls

The following statement by the Chief Executive as Accounting Officer on the matter of internal financial controls was included with the 2006 Appropriation Accounts:

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 procedures, 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
Accounting Officer

* "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 are in relation to the 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 cases e.g. an application for a special licence.

	2006 (€000's)	2005 (€000's)
Revenue Commissioners	10,795	10,524
Retained by the Service	32,297	29,570
Property Registration Authority	70	65
Total	43,162	40,159

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 e.g. fisheries fines are transferred to the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources.

	2006 (€000's)	2005 (€000's)
Exchequer (Motor Fines)	13,418	7,526
Revenue Commissioners	2,482	1,890
Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources	310	199
Exchequer	7,171	5,102
Total	23,381	14,717

THE OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE

EXTRACT FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	30/9/2006 €	30/9/2005 €
INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Investments	937,168,487	848,611,782
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	7,814,970	8,420,118
Bank	2,298,772	2,999,344
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	10,113,742	11,419,462
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	523,607	685,202
TOTAL LIABILITIES	523,607	685,202
NET CURRENT ASSETS	9,590,135	10,734,260
TOTAL NET ASSETS	946,758,622	859,346,042
Represented by:		
Funds held for beneficiaries at year end	946,758,622	859,346,042

THE OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE

EXTRACT FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

Statement of Operations

	Year ended 30/9/2006 €	Year ended 30/9/2005 €
NET REALISED AND UNREALISED GAINS		
Net realised gains on investments disposed of during the year	5,718,120	6,858,336
Net unrealised gains on investments	30,604,979	62,625,311
Gains realised on transfer out during the year	1,521,579	4,869
NET REALISED AND UNREALISED GAINS	37,844,678	69,488,516
Investment income	2,467,707	5,999,379
	40,312,385	75,487,895
Expenses	(1,246,794)	(2,061,168)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	39,065,591	73,426,727

THE OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE

EXTRACT FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Year ended 30/9/2006 €	Year ended 30/9/2005 €
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS		
Net investment gains	1,220,913	3,938,211
Net realised gains on investments	5,718,120	6,858,336
Net unrealised gains on investments	30,604,979	62,625,311
Gains realised on transfers from funds	1,521,579	4,869
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	39,065,591	73,426,727
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS		
Receipts	164,109,273	150,018,824
Disbursements	(115,762,284)	(119,392,014)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS	48,346,989	30,626,810
Increase in net assets	87,412,580	104,053,537
Net assets at beginning of year	859,346,042	755,292,505
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	946,758,622	859,346,042

Extracts from the Report and Financial Statements of the Office of the Accountant of the Courts of Justice for the year ended 30th September 2006 are included in this Report. 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, Smithfield, Dublin 7. Telephone: 01-8886211 and on the website of the Service at www.courts.ie.

Poor Box Receipts

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
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.

POOR BOX RECEIPTS THROUGH COURT OFFICES 2005

	Opening Balance 01/01	Receipts	Payments	Balance on Hand 31/12
	€	€	€	€
High Court	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Circuit Court	12,655.95	0.00	3,000.00	9,655.95
District Court	152,812.19	947,809.33	1,022,187.48	78,434.04
Total	165,468.14*	947,809.33	1,025,187.48	88,089.99

* The opening balance at 01/01/05 was €26,324.50 more than the closing balance in the Annual Report for 2004 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 2006:

(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 €
Under €100	625	10,033
Over €100	12	2,129
Total	637	12,162

Chapter 8

Report of the Rules Committees

SUPERIOR COURTS RULES COMMITTEE

The Superior Courts Rules Committee was established by Section 67 of the Courts of Justice Act, 1936 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 2006

- ▣ 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 Liam McKechnie, judge of the High Court
- ▣ The Master of the High Court, Mr. Edmund W. Honohan S.C.
- ▣ Mr. Lyndon MacCann S.C., nominated by the Council of the Bar of Ireland
- ▣ Mr. Tony Hunt B.L., 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. Matthew Feely, Office of the Attorney General - appointed to act in place of the Attorney General under Section 36(4) of the Courts and Court Officers Act. 2002
- ▣ Mr. Noel Rubotham, Director 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
- ▣ Draftsperson - Mr. Seán Barton, McCann Fitzgerald Solicitors
- ▣ Secretary - Ms. Maeve Kane, Registrar of the Supreme Court

At year end there were two vacancies in the membership. The membership of the Hon. Mr Justice Brian McCracken, a nominee of the Chief Justice, ceased upon his retirement as a judge of the Supreme Court in July 2006. The Hon. Mr Justice Joseph Finnegan, former President of the High Court, ceased to be a member of the committee ex officio upon his appointment to the Supreme Court in December 2006.

The committee met on six occasions during 2006 and signed the following rules:-

Title	Date signed by Committee	S.I. number	Operative date
RSC (Arbitration) 2006	9th February 2006	109 of 2006	31st March 2006
RSC (Proceeds of Crime and Financing of Terrorism) 2006	30th March 2006	242 of 2006	5th June 2006
RSC (Mode of Address of Judges) 2006	5th April 2006	196 of 2006	25th April 2006
RSC (Taxi Regulations) 2006	25th May 2006	315 of 2006	19th June 2006 (save for appeals under s. 35(7) which has yet to be commenced)
RSC (Competition) 2006	13th July 2006	461 of 2006	26th September 2006
RSC (Mental Health Act 2001) 2006	26th October 2006	597 of 2006	3rd January 2007
RSC (Evidence) 2007	26th October 2006	13 of 2007	13th February 2007
RSC (Statutory Applications and Appeals) 2007	26th October 2006	14 of 2007	13th February 2007

During the year the committee also considered representations regarding the requirement for an affidavit of verification under Order 74 rule 130, the necessity for rules under the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006, proposed changes to the definition of 'qualified party' in Order 22 Rule 14, the form of affidavit of verification required under Order 1A rule 10 and the report of the Legal Costs Working Group.

At year end, draft rules in respect of the recommendations in Chapter 8 of the Legal Costs Working Group, section 19 of the Criminal Law (Insanity) Act 2006 and the Criminal Justice Act 2006 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 2006:

- ▣ The Hon. Mr. Justice Matthew Deery, President of the Circuit Court (Chairperson)
- ▣ Her Honour Judge Katherine Delahunt, judge of the Circuit Court
- ▣ His Honour Judge Terence O'Sullivan, judge of the Circuit Court
- ▣ Mr. Patrick Hunt S.C., nominated by the Council of the Bar of Ireland
- ▣ Mr. Fergal Foley B.L., 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. Faye Breen, B.L., nominated by the Attorney General

- ▣ Mr. Noel Rubotham, Courts Service, 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
- ▣ Draftsperson - Mr. Seán Barton, McCann Fitzgerald Solicitors

The Committee met on eight occasions in 2006.

During 2006 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:

- ▣ Pensions (Amendment) Act, 2002
- ▣ National Minimum Wage Act, 2000
- ▣ Mental Health Act, 2001
- ▣ EU 2201/2003 on Jurisdiction in Matrimonial matters and matters of Parental Responsibility
- ▣ Protection of Employees (Fixed Term Work) Act, 2003
- ▣ Taxi Regulations Act, 2003 (section 36)
- ▣ Employment Equality Acts, 1998 and 2004
- ▣ Equal Status Acts, 2000 and 2004
- ▣ EU 805/2004 on enforcement of orders in respect of uncontested claims
- ▣ Mode of address to judges Industrial Relations Acts, 2001 and 2004
- ▣ Residential Tenancies Act, 2004 (section 84)

- ▣ Social Welfare Consolidation Act, 2005
- ▣ Criminal Justice Act, 2006
- ▣ Criminal Law Insanity Act, 2006
- ▣ Health (Repayment Scheme) Act, 2006

The Committee continued its review of amendments to be made to the Circuit Court Rules, 2001.

Nuala Jackson B.L. stepped down as draftsman to the Committee in March 2006. The Committee expressed its sincere appreciation for the substantial volume of work undertaken by her over the years, in particular in regard to the consolidation of the Circuit Court Rules which resulted in the publication of the Circuit Court Rules, 2001. In May 2006 the Committee welcomed Seán Barton as draftsman.

Rules relating to the following were implemented in 2006:

- ▣ Statutory Instrument No.1 of 2006: Circuit Court Rules (European Enforcement Orders) 2006
- ▣ Statutory Instrument No 143 of 2006: Circuit Court Rules (Jurisdiction in Matrimonial matters and matters of Parental Responsibility), 2006
- ▣ Statutory Instrument No 274 of 2006: Circuit Court Rules (Mode of address of Judges), 2006

- ▣ Statutory Instrument No 275 of 2006: Circuit Court Rules (Employment Equality Acts 1998 and 2004), 2006
- ▣ Statutory Instrument No 349 of 2006: Circuit Court Rules (Equal Status Acts 2000 and 2004), 2006
- ▣ Statutory Instrument No 350 of 2006: Circuit Court Rules (Taxi Regulation), 2006
- ▣ Statutory Instrument No 409 of 2006: Circuit Court Rules (Court Seal), 2006
- ▣ Statutory Instrument No 410 of 2006: Circuit Court Rules (Residential Tenancies), 2006
- ▣ Statutory Instrument No 531 of 2006: Circuit Court Rules (National Minimum Wage Act), 2006
- ▣ Statutory Instrument No 532 of 2006: Circuit Court Rules (Protection of Employees (Fixed Term Work)), 2006

During the course of the year the Committee gave due consideration to submissions, reports and correspondence received from practitioners and other stakeholders in the practice and procedure of the Circuit Court.

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, 2006:

- The President of the District Court, Her Honour Judge Miriam Malone (Chairperson)
- Judge John P. Brophy, judge of the District Court
- 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
- Mr. Hugh O'Neill, solicitor, nominated by the Law Society of Ireland
- Ms. Fiona Twomey, solicitor, nominated by the Law Society of Ireland
- Mr. David Kelly, Advisory Counsel, 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 Council of the Bar of Ireland was awaited to replace Ms. Lisa

Dempsey B.L. who was a member of the Committee until October 2006.

- Ms. Liz Hughes, Deputy Chief Clerk, Dublin Metropolitan District Court is the Secretary to the Committee
- Mr. Seán Barton, solicitor, McCann Fitzgerald Solicitors, is the draftsman for the Committee

The Committee met on five occasions during 2006 and 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 2006 and the 31st December 2006:

- S.I. No. 2 of 2006 District Court (European Enforcement Orders) Rules, 2006
- S.I. No. 4 of 2006 District Court (Small Claims) (Amendment) Rules, 2006
- S.I. No. 5 of 2006 District Court (Children) Rules, 2006
- S.I. No. 47 of 2006 District Court (Criminal Justice Act 1994, section 38) Rules, 2006
- S.I. No. 133 of 2006 District Court (Housing (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1997) Rules, 2006
- S.I. No. 149 of 2006 District Court (Order 24) Rules, 2006
- S.I. No. 161 of 2006 District Court (Equal Status Act 2000) Rules, 2006
- S.I. No. 162 of 2006 District Court (Temporary Closure Orders) Rules, 2006
- S.I. No. 209 of 2006 District Court (Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005) Rules, 2006

- ▣ S.I. No. 238 of 2006 District Court (Order 16) Rules, 2006
- ▣ S.I. No. 263 of 2006 District Court (Employment Equality Act 1998) Rules, 2006
- ▣ S.I. No. 314 of 2005 District Court (Taxi Regulation) Rules, 2006
- ▣ S.I. No. 396 of 2005 District Court (Warrants of Execution) Rules, 2006
- ▣ S.I. No. 397 of 2005 District Court (Equal Status Act 2000) (Amendment) Rules, 2006
- ▣ S.I. No. 398 of 2005 District Court (Case Stated) Rules, 2006
- ▣ S.I. No. 544 of 2005 District Court (Probation of Offenders) Rules, 2006
- ▣ S.I. No. 545 of 2005 District Court (Public Order) Rules, 2006

RULES RELATING TO THE FOLLOWING WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE AT YEAR END:

- ▣ Criminal Law (Insanity) Act 2006 Rules
- ▣ Criminal Justice Act 2006 Rules
- ▣ Mental Health Act 2001 Rules (s. 25)

Liz Hughes
Secretary

THE RULES BELOW SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE DURING 2006 WERE AWAITING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE EQUALITY AND LAW REFORM:

- ▣ District Court (Mental Health Appeals) Rules



Chapter 9

Glossary of Terms

Glossary of Terms

Administration suit - a form of proceeding taken in order to establish who is entitled to share in the estate (that is the property) of a deceased person and/or to have the estate administered by the court where questions arise in respect of the estate

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 courthouse in Washington Street, Cork.

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), Dublin Circuit Court and many Provincial Circuit Courts 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 are published on the website.

Copies of all publications are available from the Information Office.

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Appendices

COUNTY	CRIMINAL CASES		CIVIL CASES				FAMILY LAW CASES					HIGH COURT APPEALS	
	CRIMINAL BUSINESS DEALT WITH	DISTRICT COURT APPEALS HEARD	CIVIL TRIALS DEALT WITH	MOTIONS DEALT WITH	DISTRICT COURT CIVIL APPEALS HEARD	LIQUOR LICENCES GRANTED	JUDICIAL SEPARATION GRANTED	DIVORCE GRANTED	NULLITY GRANTED	SECTION 33 APPEALS GRANTED	DISTRICT FAMILY LAW APPEALS HEARD	CIVIL APPEALS	FAMILY LAW APPEALS
CARLOW	18	82	93	349	1	1	12	68	0	0	13	11	0
CAVAN	18	85	66	171	8	18	22	43	0	20	0	4	1
CLARE	50	212	146	584	14	16	22	82	0	9	4	5	3
CORK	323	1,071	923	1,140	92	28	125	382	5	80	56	32	12
DONEGAL	32	139	125	631	1	26	21	73	0	47	8	18	6
DUBLIN	1,127	n/a	3,182	6,860	59	92	341	1,194	6	199	272	60	60
GALWAY	80	293	615	901	13	28	87	184	4	43	20	55	12
KERRY	53	107	190	626	20	21	25	115	2	15	7	13	2
KILDARE	71	264	141	482	6	25	29	106	1	36	23	2	4
KILKENNY	20	56	205	494	1	7	25	101	0	18	4	5	1
LAOIS	33	99	64	185	4	9	6	37	1	22	11	0	2
LEITRIM	4	34	47	79	10	5	1	14	1	12	2	1	1
LIMERICK	93	285	369	875	20	19	101	87	0	68	34	32	20
LONGFORD	9	45	56	192	5	12	5	21	1	0	1	7	1
LOUTH	39	140	293	662	5	20	32	116	0	40	26	8	3
MAYO	44	91	167	483	7	27	20	72	0	17	8	16	5
MEATH	16	77	273	760	4	35	29	104	0	44	18	3	6
MONAGHAN	22	124	85	184	1	12	20	24	2	22	0	0	2
OFFALY	15	92	60	151	8	3	14	53	0	13	7	4	7
ROSCOMMON	11	54	63	189	8	5	13	24	0	7	0	11	6
SLIGO	52	46	114	154	6	8	11	52	0	15	6	9	2
TIPPERARY	27	131	265	726	16	16	32	97	1	20	13	16	3
WATERFORD	47	127	132	550	8	16	28	72	1	23	12	19	5
WESTMEATH	24	89	75	295	4	9	15	83	0	14	7	21	0
WEXFORD	20	116	182	232	2	14	24	131	0	18	21	4	3
WICKLOW	68	97	237	470	11	19	12	85	0	34	14	10	0
TOTAL	2,316	3,956	8,168	18,425	334	491	1,072	3,420	25	836	587	366	167

COUNTY	JUDICIAL SEPARATION				DIVORCE				NULLITY				SECTION 33				APPEALS	
	RECEIVED	GRANTED	REFUSED	WD/SO/ADJ	RECEIVED	GRANTED	REFUSED	WD/SO/ADJ	RECEIVED	GRANTED	REFUSED	WD/SO/ADJ	RECEIVED	GRANTED	REFUSED	WD/SO/ADJ	RECEIVED	DEALT WITH
CARLOW	25	12	0	2	49	68	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	10	13
CAVAN	13	22	0	0	43	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	20	1	0	2	0
CLARE	38	22	0	0	101	82	0	0	2	0	0	0	9	9	0	0	10	4
CORK	256	125	0	0	467	382	0	0	9	5	0	0	83	80	3	0	58	56
DONEGAL	61	21	0	0	87	73	0	1	1	0	0	1	50	47	3	0	14	8
DUBLIN	540	341	0	0	1,310	1,194	0	0	28	6	0	0	207	199	8	0	281	272
GALWAY	117	87	0	0	213	184	0	0	1	4	0	1	47	43	2	0	20	20
KERRY	44	25	0	0	115	115	0	0	2	2	0	0	15	15	0	0	6	7
KILDARE	74	29	0	0	129	106	0	0	0	1	0	0	36	36	0	0	15	23
KILKENNY	23	25	0	5	76	101	0	6	0	0	0	0	19	18	1	0	1	4
LAOIS	9	6	0	10	41	37	0	0	1	1	0	0	23	22	0	1	16	11
LEITRIM	11	1	0	0	14	14	0	0	1	1	0	0	20	12	2	0	2	2
LIMERICK	74	101	0	6	190	87	0	7	1	0	0	1	70	68	2	0	26	34
LONGFORD	13	5	0	0	22	21	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1
LOUTH	50	32	0	0	108	116	0	2	3	0	0	0	40	40	0	0	32	26
MAYO	39	20	0	2	89	72	0	0	1	0	0	0	17	17	0	0	6	8
MEATH	75	29	0	0	125	104	0	0	1	0	0	0	49	44	1	2	31	18
MONAGHAN	30	20	0	0	53	24	0	0	2	2	0	0	31	22	1	3	1	0
OFFALY	20	14	0	0	50	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	0	0	9	7
ROSCOMMON	16	13	0	0	37	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	2	0
SLIGO	25	11	0	1	49	52	0	0	2	0	0	0	21	15	0	0	9	6
TIPPERARY	57	32	0	0	158	97	0	1	1	1	0	0	24	20	0	0	16	13
WATERFORD	39	28	0	0	109	72	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	23	2	0	0	12
WESTMEATH	36	15	0	3	81	83	0	1	0	0	0	1	13	14	0	0	12	7
WEXFORD	48	24	0	0	157	131	1	0	2	0	0	0	18	18	0	0	12	21
WICKLOW	56	12	0	6	113	85	0	8	2	0	0	0	38	34	3	1	16	14
TOTAL	1,789	1,072	0	35	3,986	3,420	3	30	60	25	0	4	903	836	29	8	610	587

Sexual Offences

OFFICE		IMP/DET	FINES	COMM SERV	PROB/ DPOA	STRUCK OUT	DISMISS	TIC	ADJOUR N GEN	PEACE BOND	OTHER	TOTAL
Athlone	Cases	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ballina	Cases	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
	Defendants	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Ballinasloe	Cases	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
	Defendants	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Bray	Cases	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	8
	Defendants	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
Carlow	Cases	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Carrick-on- Shannon	Cases	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Defendants	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cavan	Cases	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	6
	Defendants	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	6
Castlebar	Cases	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Defendants	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Clonakilty	Cases	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Defendants	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Clonmel	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cork City	Cases	8	5	0	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	21
	Defendants	5	5	0	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	18
Doire an Fhéich	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donegal	Cases	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Defendants	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Drogheda	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin	Cases	20	27	2	42	75	14	33	0	1	11	225
	Defendants	15	25	2	32	54	10	20	0	1	11	170
Dundalk	Cases	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
	Defendants	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Ennis	Cases	1	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	7
	Defendants	1	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	7
Fermoy	Cases	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Galway	Cases	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
	Defendants	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Kilkenny	Cases	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Defendants	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Killarney	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Letterkenny	Cases	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Defendants	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Listowel	Cases	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Defendants	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Limerick	Cases	3	6	0	3	2	0	16	0	1	0	31
	Defendants	1	6	0	3	2	0	5	0	1	0	18

Sexual Offences

OFFICE		IMP/DET	FINES	COMM SERV	PROB/ DPOA	STRUCK OUT	DISMISS	TIC	ADJOUR N GEN	PEACE BOND	OTHER	TOTAL
Longford	Cases	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
	Defendants	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Loughrea	Cases	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Defendants	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mallow	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monaghan	Cases	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	7
	Defendants	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	6
Mullingar	Cases	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
	Defendants	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Naas	Cases	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nenagh	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portlaoise	Cases	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Defendants	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Roscommon	Cases	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sligo	Cases	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
	Defendants	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
Thurles	Cases	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tralee	Cases	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Trim	Cases	2	0	0	4	4	0	2	0	1	0	13
	Defendants	1	0	0	3	4	0	2	0	1	0	11
Tuam	Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tullamore	Cases	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Defendants	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Waterford	Cases	0	8	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	14
	Defendants	0	8	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	14
Wexford	Cases	6	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	11
	Defendants	6	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	11
Youghal	Cases	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Defendants	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	Cases	68	71	2	66	112	18	59	0	8	11	415
	Defendants	54	69	2	53	90	14	35	0	8	11	336

Please note: In some cases, the same defendant may appear under more than one category.

Returns for Trial - Sexual offences: **Cases 979 / Defendants 154**

Public Order / Assault

OFFICE		IMP/DET	FINES	COMM SERV	PROB/ DPOA	STRUCK OUT	DISMISS	TIC	ADJOUR N GEN	PEACE BOND	OTHER	TOTAL
Athlone	Cases	41	78	8	102	118	1	243	0	3	13	607
	Defendants	41	74	8	71	92	1	120	0	3	10	420
Ballina	Cases	57	99	0	43	42	25	105	0	8	7	386
	Defendants	36	74	0	37	26	20	59	0	8	5	265
Ballinasloe	Cases	55	67	7	30	119	4	169	0	6	6	463
	Defendants	44	61	7	27	71	3	79	0	4	5	301
Bray	Cases	80	145	6	161	143	20	176	40	36	8	815
	Defendants	59	121	6	133	109	17	114	20	30	7	616
Carlow	Cases	64	144	9	140	81	26	124	0	15	8	611
	Defendants	45	118	6	98	59	24	71	0	11	5	437
Carrick-on- Shannon	Cases	40	53	4	34	65	15	74	0	4	3	292
	Defendants	26	42	4	27	53	7	35	0	4	1	199
Cavan	Cases	227	65	28	170	329	51	295	1	98	9	1,273
	Defendants	169	63	28	137	256	38	167	1	92	6	957
Castlebar	Cases	43	70	3	34	20	35	87	0	4	6	302
	Defendants	34	58	2	30	17	20	55	0	4	3	223
Clonakilty	Cases	112	113	7	121	111	20	77	0	8	2	571
	Defendants	65	100	7	97	84	15	53	0	8	1	430
Clonmel	Cases	56	98	36	72	49	18	72	0	1	9	411
	Defendants	35	89	25	49	34	14	48	0	1	6	301
Cork City	Cases	843	653	129	490	576	126	690	3	77	68	3,655
	Defendants	479	565	98	411	460	107	434	2	77	49	2,682
Doire an Fhéich	Cases	7	32	1	13	9	7	10	0	0	1	80
	Defendants	5	26	1	7	8	5	7	0	0	1	60
Donegal	Cases	17	208	3	34	26	17	65	0	0	12	382
	Defendants	15	156	3	29	19	14	37	0	0	10	283
Drogheda	Cases	54	90	2	138	60	24	22	0	11	3	404
	Defendants	32	76	2	95	42	20	17	0	10	3	297
Dublin	Cases	1,085	1,930	274	2,247	3,552	545	2,980	5	65	682	13,365
	Defendants	740	1,684	230	1,558	2,617	419	1,732	3	53	491	9,527
Dundalk	Cases	117	103	6	167	140	17	15	5	1	2	573
	Defendants	49	69	3	112	89	15	8	2	1	2	350
Ennis	Cases	92	126	11	79	191	61	160	0	16	15	751
	Defendants	65	115	10	68	153	51	102	0	16	12	592
Fermoy	Cases	95	71	4	23	19	28	55	0	0	4	299
	Defendants	66	49	4	21	15	23	40	0	0	2	220
Galway	Cases	143	284	3	139	80	28	184	0	3	8	872
	Defendants	89	246	3	101	68	25	135	0	3	7	677
Kilkenny	Cases	77	81	10	25	29	10	11	0	3	1	247
	Defendants	39	57	6	19	28	9	8	0	3	1	170
Killarney	Cases	8	76	1	17	40	7	16	0	0	0	165
	Defendants	6	59	1	16	35	6	13	0	0	0	136
Letterkenny	Cases	48	395	11	65	72	75	136	0	1	41	844
	Defendants	37	308	11	49	59	50	81	0	1	26	622
Listowel	Cases	100	103	35	89	9	8	56	5	7	1	413
	Defendants	68	87	18	66	6	5	31	5	7	1	294
Limerick	Cases	309	381	48	176	451	40	580	23	99	34	2,141
	Defendants	210	334	33	109	317	32	345	13	96	25	1,514

Public Order / Assault

OFFICE		IMP/DET	FINES	COMM SERV	PROB/ DPOA	STRUCK OUT	DISMISS	TIC	ADJOUR N GEN	PEACE BOND	OTHER	TOTAL
Longford	Cases	63	75	2	23	15	102	41	0	24	1	346
	Defendants	49	64	2	17	13	80	31	0	20	1	277
Loughrea	Cases	18	17	2	31	15	10	53	3	2	1	152
	Defendants	16	16	2	23	11	5	29	3	2	1	108
Mallow	Cases	87	80	1	39	47	57	66	0	2	4	383
	Defendants	73	67	1	25	43	39	47	0	2	3	300
Monaghan	Cases	95	88	17	203	200	28	78	0	65	2	776
	Defendants	72	78	17	159	150	22	53	0	56	2	609
Mullingar	Cases	63	103	4	49	26	110	42	0	22	3	422
	Defendants	37	91	3	30	23	83	36	0	17	3	323
Naas	Cases	104	113	4	128	160	21	213	3	62	7	815
	Defendants	49	92	3	90	131	15	111	2	54	4	551
Nenagh	Cases	32	42	2	41	78	9	57	0	2	7	270
	Defendants	28	41	2	26	61	6	37	0	2	6	209
Portlaoise	Cases	66	98	6	180	82	16	98	0	4	1	551
	Defendants	41	76	4	118	63	12	53	0	4	1	372
Roscommon	Cases	54	103	0	21	80	17	68	1	2	2	348
	Defendants	30	81	0	18	65	9	40	1	2	2	248
Sligo	Cases	68	108	5	26	181	34	81	0	25	5	533
	Defendants	41	96	4	24	115	26	38	0	22	5	371
Thurles	Cases	65	77	10	51	156	13	144	1	3	22	542
	Defendants	50	68	10	41	119	9	90	1	3	12	403
Tralee	Cases	27	121	0	78	62	4	55	0	0	0	347
	Defendants	17	98	0	67	57	3	25	0	0	0	267
Trim	Cases	35	237	1	52	193	17	245	0	2	11	793
	Defendants	19	205	1	43	146	13	143	0	2	10	582
Tuam	Cases	36	66	2	25	48	23	54	3	0	1	258
	Defendants	25	50	2	17	36	16	32	2	0	1	181
Tullamore	Cases	123	150	17	94	49	65	111	0	28	11	648
	Defendants	70	107	7	57	38	49	73	0	23	9	433
Waterford	Cases	84	118	24	44	153	7	28	0	2	3	463
	Defendants	55	103	19	38	107	5	17	0	2	3	349
Wexford	Cases	55	85	3	95	216	17	242	4	4	6	727
	Defendants	51	78	3	84	143	16	132	3	4	4	518
Youghal	Cases	89	83	11	27	63	40	87	0	0	4	404
	Defendants	57	70	4	19	42	31	60	0	0	4	287
Total	Cases	4,934	7,229	757	5,816	8,155	1,798	8,165	97	715	1,034	38,700
	Defendants	3,234	6,112	600	4,263	6,080	1,379	4,838	58	647	750	27,961

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Returns for Trial - Public Order / Assault: **Cases 1,194 / Defendants 885**

Drugs

OFFICE		IMP/DET	FINES	COMM SERV	PROB/ DPOA	STRUCK OUT	DISMISS	TIC	ADJOUR N GEN	PEACE BOND	OTHER	TOTAL
Athlone	Cases	2	9	0	9	8	0	10	0	0	2	40
	Defendants	2	9	0	7	3	0	6	0	0	2	29
Ballina	Cases	2	10	0	8	5	0	6	0	0	1	32
	Defendants	2	10	0	7	5	0	3	0	0	1	28
Ballinasloe	Cases	0	5	0	9	1	0	1	0	0	0	16
	Defendants	0	5	0	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	14
Bray	Cases	18	51	4	53	27	2	40	0	2	4	201
	Defendants	12	42	3	41	20	2	21	0	2	3	146
Carlow	Cases	10	50	0	52	9	1	25	0	0	1	148
	Defendants	9	37	0	39	7	1	15	0	0	1	109
Carrick-on- Shannon	Cases	2	6	0	6	7	1	5	0	0	0	27
	Defendants	2	6	0	2	7	1	4	0	0	0	22
Cavan	Cases	26	13	0	17	27	1	28	0	6	0	118
	Defendants	23	13	0	15	16	1	13	0	6	0	87
Castlebar	Cases	6	14	0	15	2	3	10	0	1	0	51
	Defendants	4	11	0	11	2	2	6	0	1	0	37
Clonakilty	Cases	8	47	1	32	15	2	23	0	0	0	128
	Defendants	5	41	1	30	8	2	11	0	0	0	98
Clonmel	Cases	12	57	8	31	7	3	16	0	0	0	134
	Defendants	11	47	5	26	6	2	7	0	0	0	104
Cork City	Cases	64	183	14	128	70	16	81	1	4	11	572
	Defendants	49	163	13	117	63	14	38	1	4	8	470
Doire an Fhéich	Cases	0	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	11
	Defendants	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	9
Donegal	Cases	7	35	0	6	2	1	11	0	0	2	64
	Defendants	7	30	0	3	2	1	6	0	0	2	51
Drogheda	Cases	16	10	0	12	3	5	2	0	5	0	53
	Defendants	12	9	0	11	3	5	1	0	5	0	46
Dublin	Cases	312	558	68	593	1,081	69	651	0	17	88	3,437
	Defendants	260	511	57	384	768	56	330	0	9	60	2,435
Dundalk	Cases	3	14	0	10	4	2	0	0	0	0	33
	Defendants	3	11	0	9	4	2	0	0	0	0	29
Ennis	Cases	12	27	1	34	34	6	33	0	2	1	150
	Defendants	12	26	1	27	32	4	18	0	2	1	123
Fermoy	Cases	8	27	0	7	1	1	10	0	0	0	54
	Defendants	8	26	0	6	1	1	6	0	0	0	48
Galway	Cases	14	106	0	18	8	1	10	0	0	1	158
	Defendants	11	91	0	12	7	1	8	0	0	1	131
Kilkenny	Cases	39	72	3	25	39	3	44	0	1	1	227
	Defendants	30	62	2	24	26	2	21	0	1	1	169
Killarney	Cases	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
	Defendants	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
Letterkenny	Cases	2	29	0	6	4	1	7	0	0	1	50
	Defendants	2	27	0	6	4	1	5	0	0	1	46
Listowel	Cases	1	38	5	13	1	0	2	0	0	0	60
	Defendants	1	34	2	7	1	0	2	0	0	0	47
Limerick	Cases	45	163	4	80	99	3	105	0	15	26	540
	Defendants	39	153	4	50	77	3	56	0	14	18	414

Drugs

OFFICE		IMP/DET	FINES	COMM SERV	PROB/ DPOA	STRUCK OUT	DISMISS	TIC	ADJOUR N GEN	PEACE BOND	OTHER	TOTAL
Longford	Cases	7	22	1	4	3	3	3	0	1	9	53
	Defendants	6	19	1	4	3	3	2	0	1	8	47
Loughrea	Cases	2	4	0	5	1	0	5	0	0	0	17
	Defendants	2	4	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	12
Mallow	Cases	13	49	3	76	28	5	13	0	0	1	188
	Defendants	9	46	3	63	23	5	7	0	0	1	157
Monaghan	Cases	32	24	0	32	16	5	29	0	5	0	143
	Defendants	21	18	0	30	10	5	12	0	5	0	101
Mullingar	Cases	13	39	5	5	2	12	7	0	1	9	93
	Defendants	8	36	4	4	2	12	3	0	1	8	78
Naas	Cases	43	223	2	23	44	5	60	0	4	0	404
	Defendants	23	199	2	16	32	3	25	0	4	0	304
Nenagh	Cases	10	13	1	6	16	0	17	0	1	4	68
	Defendants	10	13	1	3	10	0	7	0	1	4	49
Portlaoise	Cases	21	40	5	82	57	2	33	0	0	0	240
	Defendants	13	37	2	71	49	2	16	0	0	0	190
Roscommon	Cases	5	27	0	13	12	0	15	0	0	0	72
	Defendants	5	24	0	6	7	0	5	0	0	0	47
Sligo	Cases	13	41	1	12	14	4	8	0	1	0	94
	Defendants	8	30	1	8	12	4	5	0	1	0	69
Thurles	Cases	6	9	0	3	5	1	20	0	0	1	45
	Defendants	5	9	0	2	4	1	12	0	0	1	34
Tralee	Cases	2	16	0	5	8	0	2	0	0	0	33
	Defendants	2	16	0	4	6	0	1	0	0	0	29
Trim	Cases	0	48	0	10	19	2	25	0	1	0	105
	Defendants	0	37	0	10	16	2	14	0	1	0	80
Tuam	Cases	2	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Defendants	1	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Tullamore	Cases	19	48	4	16	7	10	14	0	1	11	130
	Defendants	10	40	4	13	5	7	6	0	1	8	94
Waterford	Cases	53	197	2	49	130	5	39	0	1	0	476
	Defendants	42	166	2	48	115	3	19	0	1	0	396
Wexford	Cases	13	34	3	61	24	2	85	0	0	6	228
	Defendants	12	32	3	54	23	2	29	0	0	5	160
Youghal	Cases	25	37	1	14	17	2	34	0	0	0	130
	Defendants	20	35	1	13	14	2	15	0	0	0	100
Total	Cases	888	2,418	136	1,580	1,858	180	1,532	1	69	180	8,842
	Defendants	701	2,144	112	1,193	1,396	153	760	1	60	134	6,654

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Returns for Trial - Drugs: **Cases 1,824 / Defendants 537**

Larceny

OFFICE		IMP/DET	FINES	COMM SERV	PROB/ DPOA	STRUCK OUT	DISMISS	TIC	ADJOUR N GEN	PEACE BOND	OTHER	TOTAL
Athlone	Cases	37	32	5	44	41	2	159	0	0	2	322
	Defendants	32	28	5	34	26	2	42	0	0	2	171
Ballina	Cases	30	18	8	31	9	4	15	0	0	0	115
	Defendants	15	13	1	21	5	2	8	0	0	0	65
Ballinasloe	Cases	20	8	0	18	9	2	59	0	0	3	119
	Defendants	16	6	0	16	7	2	20	0	0	2	69
Bray	Cases	78	25	4	63	45	2	140	0	17	2	376
	Defendants	55	25	3	39	33	2	42	0	17	2	218
Carlow	Cases	78	61	4	113	33	9	152	0	2	3	455
	Defendants	41	51	3	43	25	5	32	0	2	2	204
Carrick-on- Shannon	Cases	17	11	0	14	17	3	16	0	1	0	79
	Defendants	11	11	0	9	12	3	5	0	1	0	52
Cavan	Cases	109	18	6	29	58	3	83	0	72	16	394
	Defendants	72	16	6	21	34	3	31	0	31	3	217
Castlebar	Cases	29	10	1	14	17	1	34	0	1	1	108
	Defendants	17	10	1	12	9	1	11	0	1	1	63
Clonakilty	Cases	96	53	8	44	43	11	106	0	2	5	368
	Defendants	53	46	5	32	33	6	33	0	2	5	215
Clonmel	Cases	47	14	10	32	33	0	15	0	1	1	153
	Defendants	21	14	3	21	10	0	9	0	1	1	80
Cork City	Cases	738	326	37	396	242	27	451	0	20	28	2,265
	Defendants	268	284	33	308	191	20	154	0	19	20	1,297
Doire an Fhéich	Cases	9	3	1	15	5	0	2	0	0	0	35
	Defendants	4	2	1	7	4	0	1	0	0	0	19
Donegal	Cases	11	30	1	3	1	2	63	0	0	2	113
	Defendants	9	30	1	3	1	1	15	0	0	1	61
Drogheda	Cases	37	7	0	42	9	4	19	0	14	0	132
	Defendants	16	7	0	31	8	4	3	0	5	0	74
Dublin	Cases	1,906	1,058	197	1,832	3,540	253	2,196	1	44	526	11,553
	Defendants	961	952	159	1,086	2,236	213	944	1	42	375	6,969
Dundalk	Cases	156	25	5	67	31	13	6	3	3	5	314
	Defendants	43	17	4	42	26	11	3	1	1	4	152
Ennis	Cases	51	28	1	31	29	14	92	0	8	11	265
	Defendants	36	27	1	25	21	11	34	0	8	5	168
Fermoy	Cases	36	17	2	14	18	0	12	0	0	1	100
	Defendants	22	15	2	6	12	0	7	0	0	1	65
Galway	Cases	165	171	4	86	37	7	92	0	2	3	567
	Defendants	86	154	4	71	30	7	40	0	2	3	397
Kilkenny	Cases	169	27	30	66	21	0	46	0	0	1	360
	Defendants	49	25	7	48	20	0	18	0	0	1	168
Killarney	Cases	10	3	0	7	1	0	2	0	0	0	23
	Defendants	6	3	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	16
Letterkenny	Cases	33	66	1	23	10	5	104	0	0	16	258
	Defendants	21	55	1	11	8	2	28	0	0	7	133
Listowel	Cases	27	19	3	18	7	1	4	1	1	1	82
	Defendants	9	14	2	10	2	1	3	1	1	1	44
Limerick	Cases	298	79	52	260	162	5	380	3	99	33	1,371
	Defendants	156	72	8	208	127	5	131	1	70	23	801

Larceny

OFFICE		IMP/DET	FINES	COMM SERV	PROB/ DPOA	STRUCK OUT	DISMISS	TIC	ADJOUR N GEN	PEACE BOND	OTHER	TOTAL
Longford	Cases	47	22	1	23	6	3	45	0	7	1	155
	Defendants	23	19	1	20	6	3	6	0	6	1	85
Loughrea	Cases	10	7	5	3	5	1	25	0	0	0	56
	Defendants	10	7	5	3	3	1	13	0	0	0	42
Mallow	Cases	44	23	1	14	19	2	32	0	0	1	136
	Defendants	28	19	1	9	15	2	11	0	0	1	86
Monaghan	Cases	127	11	3	58	60	6	33	0	67	0	365
	Defendants	54	11	3	32	47	6	15	0	22	0	190
Mullingar	Cases	51	20	50	15	20	3	7	0	2	2	170
	Defendants	18	20	4	13	17	3	3	0	2	1	81
Naas	Cases	149	30	0	49	31	3	123	0	31	6	422
	Defendants	54	28	0	27	29	3	46	0	30	1	218
Nenagh	Cases	31	14	1	17	14	1	79	0	1	11	169
	Defendants	27	14	1	17	12	1	27	0	1	5	105
Portlaoise	Cases	65	59	4	80	32	0	166	0	1	9	416
	Defendants	43	51	4	35	24	0	45	0	1	3	206
Roscommon	Cases	47	35	2	6	26	10	15	0	2	0	143
	Defendants	22	29	1	4	13	2	7	0	2	0	80
Sligo	Cases	88	37	3	27	49	5	29	0	0	1	239
	Defendants	43	36	1	20	31	3	10	0	0	1	145
Thurles	Cases	46	24	4	31	31	2	70	0	1	6	215
	Defendants	28	19	4	22	13	2	24	0	1	4	117
Tralee	Cases	33	34	0	17	18	2	19	0	0	0	123
	Defendants	21	30	0	16	11	2	10	0	0	0	90
Trim	Cases	84	24	3	64	72	4	80	0	5	4	340
	Defendants	33	22	3	37	47	3	47	0	5	3	200
Tuam	Cases	18	16	5	5	15	2	5	0	0	2	68
	Defendants	7	15	1	4	7	2	3	0	0	1	40
Tullamore	Cases	97	31	19	29	99	13	53	0	3	7	351
	Defendants	44	28	4	17	25	13	19	0	3	3	156
Waterford	Cases	165	58	51	119	77	1	47	0	0	1	519
	Defendants	66	52	24	86	47	1	23	0	0	1	300
Wexford	Cases	78	41	1	62	43	11	234	0	0	15	485
	Defendants	59	40	1	56	37	9	65	0	0	6	273
Youghal	Cases	85	29	4	7	18	1	15	0	0	5	164
	Defendants	37	25	4	7	11	1	10	0	0	3	98
Total	Cases	5,452	2,624	537	3,888	5,053	438	5,325	8	407	731	24,463
	Defendants	2,636	2,342	312	2,534	3,276	358	1,999	4	276	493	14,230

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Returns for Trial - Larceny: **Cases 3,213 / Defendants 904**

All Road Traffic

OFFICE		IMP/DET	FINES	COMM SERV	PROB/ DPOA	STRUCK OUT	DISMISS	TIC	ADJOUR N GEN	PEACE BOND	OTHER	TOTAL
Athlone	Cases	34	316	1	45	281	26	310	0	1	28	1,042
	Defendants	30	286	1	23	148	18	105	0	1	25	637
Ballina	Cases	32	456	0	12	230	65	372	0	0	29	1,196
	Defendants	22	281	0	7	114	46	138	0	0	22	630
Ballinasloe	Cases	24	316	1	24	273	14	398	0	0	32	1,082
	Defendants	20	271	1	15	180	13	132	0	0	26	658
Bray	Cases	160	1,201	42	194	1,846	230	1,373	2	3	58	5,109
	Defendants	107	832	16	122	902	209	427	2	2	48	2,667
Carlow	Cases	46	1,022	4	101	1,033	113	929	0	0	47	3,295
	Defendants	32	771	4	50	453	64	315	0	0	44	1,733
Carrick-on- Shannon	Cases	11	341	0	31	285	77	176	0	0	8	929
	Defendants	8	277	0	21	158	52	78	0	0	8	602
Cavan	Cases	143	1,049	6	36	1,080	375	1,110	0	29	48	3,876
	Defendants	68	834	6	23	569	216	367	0	18	45	2,146
Castlebar	Cases	38	538	0	18	348	83	367	0	0	20	1,412
	Defendants	20	283	0	15	163	34	131	0	0	13	659
Clonakilty	Cases	68	799	0	151	1,055	94	544	0	0	59	2,770
	Defendants	42	630	0	103	547	58	228	0	0	46	1,654
Clonmel	Cases	53	626	25	20	129	51	460	0	2	40	1,406
	Defendants	22	459	14	9	71	38	159	0	2	33	807
Cork City	Cases	670	4,508	45	72	5,671	851	3,127	6	12	171	15,133
	Defendants	267	3,165	40	53	2,859	479	1,120	1	12	107	8,103
Doire an Fhéich	Cases	24	244	4	50	139	21	163	0	0	6	651
	Defendants	8	160	2	37	84	16	63	0	0	6	376
Donegal	Cases	20	535	0	6	152	75	447	0	0	57	1,292
	Defendants	15	362	0	5	91	52	195	0	0	32	752
Drogheda	Cases	66	758	1	36	643	177	95	0	14	19	1,809
	Defendants	26	500	1	27	331	117	18	0	6	19	1,045
Dublin	Cases	1,779	25,307	254	1,719	56,582	2,136	16,203	12	31	1,389	105,412
	Defendants	982	17,765	167	843	21,966	1,255	5,082	4	28	583	48,675
Dundalk	Cases	154	1,001	10	61	1,158	131	39	0	0	46	2,600
	Defendants	59	622	5	44	550	85	12	0	0	39	1,416
Ennis	Cases	69	1,365	4	137	1,646	189	1,449	0	7	30	4,896
	Defendants	45	966	3	99	788	119	603	0	6	24	2,653
Fermoy	Cases	65	524	0	11	221	224	310	0	0	19	1,374
	Defendants	43	329	0	5	106	136	122	0	0	15	756
Galway	Cases	328	1,496	12	186	588	135	949	0	6	46	3,746
	Defendants	100	1,032	6	135	330	89	401	0	6	44	2,143
Kilkenny	Cases	48	786	15	13	521	37	132	0	0	19	1,571
	Defendants	25	531	9	12	266	27	60	0	0	16	946
Killarney	Cases	4	506	0	17	388	70	228	0	0	23	1,236
	Defendants	4	416	0	12	231	56	120	0	0	23	862
Letterkenny	Cases	26	977	2	25	287	221	766	0	0	79	2,383
	Defendants	20	654	2	12	135	144	275	0	0	59	1,301
Listowel	Cases	15	993	0	8	84	125	439	5	0	17	1,686
	Defendants	12	561	0	6	37	68	155	1	0	17	857
Limerick	Cases	233	4,578	14	225	7,296	372	4,016	15	42	132	16,923
	Defendants	146	3,468	8	147	5,097	257	1,346	4	42	102	10,617

All Road Traffic

OFFICE		IMP/DET	FINES	COMM SERV	PROB/ DPOA	STRUCK OUT	DISMISS	TIC	ADJOUR N GEN	PEACE BOND	OTHER	TOTAL
Longford	Cases	53	338	3	114	37	403	179	0	6	44	1,177
	Defendants	26	280	3	87	25	242	82	0	6	27	778
Loughrea	Cases	19	245	1	46	214	38	369	0	0	26	958
	Defendants	15	208	1	22	108	22	123	0	0	15	514
Mallow	Cases	65	597	3	23	225	226	354	0	0	15	1,508
	Defendants	50	383	2	13	115	135	150	0	0	14	862
Monaghan	Cases	119	1,097	3	62	925	173	307	0	22	55	2,763
	Defendants	67	854	3	30	547	108	120	0	20	50	1,799
Mullingar	Cases	43	377	6	90	31	446	166	0	6	28	1,193
	Defendants	26	322	3	66	19	223	73	0	5	23	760
Naas	Cases	128	2,229	0	141	2,005	125	1,261	0	6	66	5,961
	Defendants	99	1,370	0	109	940	82	514	0	6	59	3,179
Nenagh	Cases	11	293	0	56	231	37	306	0	0	19	953
	Defendants	11	258	0	25	137	29	100	0	0	16	576
Portlaoise	Cases	43	845	1	59	633	60	660	0	1	63	2,365
	Defendants	30	682	1	33	332	36	274	0	1	55	1,444
Roscommon	Cases	23	810	0	21	626	34	313	0	0	30	1,857
	Defendants	20	513	0	14	363	19	151	0	0	29	1,109
Sligo	Cases	31	555	0	48	321	191	416	0	0	26	1,588
	Defendants	22	397	0	28	156	130	128	0	0	25	886
Thurles	Cases	34	476	2	23	361	37	445	0	0	47	1,425
	Defendants	20	368	1	19	203	26	154	0	0	28	819
Tralee	Cases	14	650	0	44	550	63	258	0	0	26	1,605
	Defendants	11	509	0	38	286	46	116	0	0	26	1,032
Trim	Cases	37	2,432	3	165	2,247	129	493	0	4	43	5,553
	Defendants	20	1,627	3	131	1,224	82	183	0	4	40	3,314
Tuam	Cases	50	538	0	78	397	36	301	0	0	16	1,416
	Defendants	24	369	0	39	235	23	141	0	0	16	847
Tullamore	Cases	82	473	6	203	156	479	333	0	8	41	1,781
	Defendants	45	373	5	147	51	235	143	0	8	24	1,031
Waterford	Cases	83	1,430	27	20	1,513	48	442	0	2	51	3,616
	Defendants	39	917	14	14	741	34	168	0	2	49	1,978
Wexford	Cases	103	1,367	12	171	1,716	46	1,360	21	0	128	4,924
	Defendants	63	1,097	12	96	769	32	487	3	0	112	2,671
Youghal	Cases	86	501	8	8	209	129	382	4	0	49	1,376
	Defendants	57	358	3	6	142	80	167	1	0	46	860
Total	Cases	5,134	65,495	515	4,570	94,333	8,592	42,747	65	202	3,195	224,848
	Defendants	2,768	46,340	336	2,742	42,569	5,232	14,926	16	175	2,050	117,154

Please note: In some cases, the same defendant may appear under more than one category.

Returns for Trial - Road Traffic: **Cases 370 / Defendants 268**

Specific Road Traffic Offences

OUTCOME	DANGEROUS DRIVING		DRINK DRIVING		UNAUTHORISED TAKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES	
	OFFENCES	OFFENDERS	OFFENCES	OFFENDERS	OFFENCES	OFFENDERS
Community Service Order	19	15	51	49	44	42
Detention	92	53	22	21	196	147
Detention Suspended	8	5	1	1	27	25
Dismiss	301	261	962	926	87	85
Fines	1,239	1,136	10,996	10,743	82	78
Imprisonment	348	237	543	510	300	269
Imprisonment Suspended	73	53	238	229	74	61
Peace Bond	34	27	94	90	41	40
Poor Box	0	0	0	0	1	1
Probation	33	23	57	55	85	74
Struck Out	1,127	825	1,266	1,189	356	338
Taken Into Consideration	630	461	1,082	1,005	309	252
Withdrawn	411	317	282	264	69	66
Reduced Charge	781	767	4	4	0	0
Disqualification	1,199	962	11,652	11,277	318	260
Other	426	368	576	556	265	222
Total	6,721	5,510	27,826	26,919	2,254	1,960

Fixed Charged Road Traffic Offences

OUTCOME	2006 Offences	2005 Offences
Dismiss	2,151	1,878
Fines	16,119	10,844
Struck Out	17,547	14,452
Withdrawn	987	792
Taken Into Consideration	5,215	4,774
Other	700	370
Total	42,719	33,110

SUPREME & HIGH COURT

SUPREME COURT

- Priority cases:** Cases where hearings are sought on the grounds of urgency. Priority cases are given dates as quickly as possible – usually within 6 months and in certain cases (e.g. bail appeals) within 2 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 waiting time depends on a number of factors including the length of the motion list, the length of time estimated to hear the appeal and the ability of the parties to be available at short notice. Taking these factors into consideration, 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 2006 was 20-22 months. The longer the delay in the ordinary list the more applications are made for priority hearings, which in turn lengthen the waiting time in the ordinary list.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL

- Conviction Cases:** 7-9 Months
- Sentence Appeals:** 6-8 Months

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT

Typical waiting times for murder and rape trials in the Central Criminal Court was 8 months from the date of return for trial although one rape case was concluded within 4 months of return for trial. The majority of cases in each category were concluded within 12 months of return for trial.

HIGH COURT

- Civil** It was not possible to reduce the waiting times in civil lists in 2006. In some lists the waiting time increased.

High Court

Section 150 Applications (to restrict persons who are directors of insolvent companies in liquidation from acting as director of other companies)	5 weeks
Advance Warning	Not applicable
Asylum (prior to obtaining leave to judicially review decision)	5 weeks
Asylum (following leave to judicially review decision)	5 months
Bail	Date immediately available
Chancery (Monday motions list)	3 weeks
Criminal Assets Bureau	Date immediately available
Circuit Court Appeals	4 weeks
Chancery Cases(certified as ready for trial)	9 months
Common Law (preliminary motions)	4 weeks
Commercial List	Date immediately available
Competition List	2 weeks
Chancery Special Summonses (mortgage suits)	8 weeks
European Arrest Warrant	No waiting time - dealt with as soon as Chief State Solicitor notifies court of receipt of warrant
Extradition List	Not applicable
Family Law List	Within 3 months
Garda Compensation List	17 weeks
Hague Luxembourg Convention (Child Abduction) List	Case must be dealt with within 6 weeks
Hepatitis C Compensation Tribunal - Appeals	Within 3 months
Jury List (civil actions for damages for assault, defamation, wrongful imprisonment, or objections to wardship proceedings)	5 months (wardship matters get priority)
Judicial Review List	15 months (cases taking less than 2 hours will be dealt with sooner)
Master's List	9 weeks (3 weeks for Family Law matters)
Chancery List (miscellaneous)	6 months(cases taking less than 2 hours will be dealt with sooner)
Non Jury List (miscellaneous)	8 months (cases taking less than 2 hours will be dealt with sooner)

High Court

Non Jury (Monday motion list)	3 weeks
Non Jury (Actions certified as ready for trial)	22 months
Cork Personal Injury List	29 months
Dublin Personal Injury List	Maximum 3 weeks
Dundalk Personal Injury List	15 months
Galway Personal Injury List	6 months
Kilkenny Personal Injury List	19 months
Limerick Personal Injury List	28 months
Sligo Personal Injury List	18 months
Waterford Personal Injury List	24 months
Rulings (applications for the approval of settlements of minors' personal injury claims and claims for fatal injury)	1 week

PROBATE OFFICE

Application by Solicitor for grant:	2-3 weeks
Application by personal applicant for grant:	14-16 weeks (for interview)

CENTRAL OFFICE

Processing of applications for judgment and execution orders	3 weeks where no query raised or from discharge of query if raised
Enrolment of miscellaneous deeds e.g. Deed Poll	1 week
Requests for copy documents	3 days
Certification of documents by Registrar of Central Office (e.g. judgment mortgage affidavits)	1 week

OFFICE	CRIMINAL		CIVIL		FAMILY LAW			
	CASES	APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	JUDICIAL SEPARATION	DIVORCE	NULLITY	APPEALS
CARLOW	9 months	8-9 months	9-10 months	9-10 months	9 months	9 months	9 months	9 months
CARRICK-ON-	6 months	3 months	9 months	3 months	3 months	3 months	3 months	3 months
CASTLEBAR	6 months	3 months	6 months	3 months	3 months	3 months	3 months	3 months
CAVAN	6-9 months	6 months	12 - 18 months	12 - 18 months	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
CLONMEL	18-24 months	12 months	3-6 months	3-6 months	6 months	3 months	3 months	3 months
CORK	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	9 months	9 months	3-6 months	3-6 months	3-6 months	3-6 months
DUBLIN	10-12 months	6 weeks	5-6 months	6 weeks	5 months	5 months	5 months	2.5 - 3 months
DUNDALK	3-6 months	3 months	18 - 24 months	3 months	6 months	6 months	6 months	3 months
ENNIS	3-6 months	3 months	3-6 months	3 months	6 months	3 months	None	3 months
GALWAY	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings
KILKENNY	18 months	12 months	24 months	18 months	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
LETTERKENNY	6 months	3 months	9-18 months	9-18 months	6-8 months	6-8 months	6-8 months	6-8 months
LIMERICK	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	19 months	6 months	6-12 months	6-12 months	6-12 months	3-6 months
LONGFORD	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	3-6 months	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings
MONAGHAN	3-6 months	3 months	9-12 months	6 months	12-18months	12-18months	12-18months	6 months
MULLINGAR	3-9 months	3-6 months	3-9 months	3-6 months	9-12 months (uncontested 3 months)	9-12 months (uncontested 3 months)	9-12 months (uncontested 3 months)	2-3 months
NAAS	12 months	6 months	12 months	12 months	18 months	18 months	18 months	18 months
PORTLAOISE	9-12 months	3 months	12-18 months	3 months	6 months (uncontested 2-6 months)	12 months (uncontested 2-6 months)	12 months (uncontested 2-6 months)	3 months
ROSCOMMON	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	3 months	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings
SLIGO	6 months	Next Sitings	6 months	Next Sitings	6 months	6 months	6 months	Next Sitings
TRALEE	12-18 months	Next Sitings	6 months	6 months	3- 6 months	3 - 6 months	0-3 months	3- 6 months
TRIM	3-6 months	3-6 months	3-6 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	3-6 months	3-6 months	3-6 months
TULLAMORE	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	3 months	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings	Next Sitings
WATERFORD	24 months	3-6 months	18 months	12-18 months	12-18 months	12-18 months	12-18 months	6-18 months
WEXFORD	3-6 months	6 months	24 months	12 months	18-24 months	18-24 months	None	6 months
WICKLOW	12 Months	3 Months	9 Months	6 Months	7-9 Months	7-9 Months	3 Months	3 Months

The term **next sitings** means that the case will be dealt with at the next court sitings in the venue concerned. While cases may be listed for hearing for a particular sitting, unusual circumstances, for example a long criminal trial, may lead to the adjournment of other listed cases to the following sitting. The duration of, and time between, court sitings will vary from circuit to circuit, but in general the Circuit Court sits every two to four months in provincial venues. In Dublin there are daily sitings throughout each term.

OFFICE	CRIMINAL	CIVIL	FAMILY LAW
ATHLONE	1	1	No Delay
BALLINA	1	2	No Delay
BALLINASLOE	No Delay	No Delay	No Delay
BRAY	3	2	3
CARLOW	2	2	1
CARRICK-ON-SHANNON	3	3	1
CASTLEBAR	2	2	2
CAVAN	2	2	1.5
CLONAKILTY	1	1	1
CLONMEL	2	4	1.5 - 2
CORK	2.5 - 3	3	3 - 3.5
DOIRE AN FHÉICH	No Delay	No Delay	No Delay
DONEGAL	3	3	No Delay
DROGHEDA	2	2	1
DUNDALK	3	No Delay	No Delay
ENNIS	1	No Delay	1
FERMOY	2	2	1
GALWAY	2	2	1
KILKENNY	1	1	1
KILLARNEY	2	2	1
LETTERKENNY	6	9	9
LIMERICK	3.5	2	2
LISTOWEL	Up to 1	Up to 1	Up to 1
LONGFORD	1	3	No Delay
LOUGHREA	No Delay	No Delay	No Delay
MALLOW	1	2	1
MONAGHAN	3	3	1
MULLINGAR	1.5	1.5	1
NAAS	4	3	1.5
NENAGH	1	1	1
PORTLAOISE	2.5	2.5	1
ROSCOMMON	No Delay	No Delay	No Delay
SLIGO	1.5	1	Up to 1
THURLES	1	1	1
TRALEE	1	3	2
TRIM	2	1.5	up to 1
TUAM	2	2	1
TULLAMORE	2	1	1
WATERFORD	4	2	4
WEXFORD	11	4	No Delay
YOUGHAL	2.5	2.5	1.5
DUBLIN	4	2	3
DUN LAOGHAIRE	8	1	3
SWORDS	5	2	2



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