

<b>Official name in original language</b>	<b>An tSeirbhís Chúirteanna</b>
<b>Official name in English</b>	The Courts Service
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<b>Brief history</b>	The Courts Service was established in November, 1999 pursuant to the statutory provisions of the Courts Service Act 1998. The Courts Service is an independent State Agency for the management and administration of the Courts of Ireland. It is not protected by any constitutional provision, but is subject to the provisions of its governing legislation. The service is a body corporate and, subject to the legislation, is independent in carrying out its mandate
<b>Constitutional or legal status/basis</b>	No constitutional basis
<b>Legal acts regulating the Status</b>	The Courts Service Act 1998
<b>Composition:</b>	
Total number of members	17 members (the Board of the Courts Service)
Term of office	3 years
Is there a possibility to be renewed as a member?	Yes
Do the members have a full-time position or not?	Not full-time
Make up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>9 judges</b></li> <li>- <b>8 civil society representatives</b> nominated by a variety of bodies, including 1 by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence and the others, <i>inter alia</i>, being a practising solicitor or practising barrister and the Chief Executive Officer of the Courts Service</li> </ul>
Is there a majority of Judges?	Yes (9 judges out of 17 members)
<b>Presidency</b>	The Chief Justice of Ireland is the ex-officio President of the Courts Service There is no Vice-President

**Main Competences:**

Career of judges and / or prosecutors	No competence in the selection, appointment or promotion of judges.
Judicial training	Training of judges is a matter for the Committee for Judicial Studies and the Court Service provides administrative support and funding to the Committee.
Discipline	No competence in the area of discipline related to the judiciary.
Ethics	No competence in promoting judicial ethics
Opinion son legislation / other opinions	In an advisory capacity the Courts Service provides observations on proposed legislation directly affecting its competencies.
Other competencies	In accordance with the Courts Service Act the mandates of the Service is to a) manage the courts; b) provide support services for the judges, c) provide information on the courts system to the public; d) provide, manage and maintain court buildings; and e) provide facilities for court users.
<b>Status of decisions</b>	Administrative decisions
<b>Review</b>	All decisions of the Courts Service can be challenged by way of judicial review
<b>Budget</b>	The budget of the Courts Service is voted upon by the legislature and utilised to manage its various competencies as set out above.