**THE ASSOCIATION OF JUDGES OF IRELAND**

**CONSTITUTION**

(A): **Members**

1. Any member of the Judiciary appointed in the manner provided by Bunreacht na hÉireann, any member nominated by Ireland to be a judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), an Advocate General of the CJEU, a judge of the General Court of the European Union, and a judge of the European Court of Human Rights, and any military judge appointed under Chapter IV C or Part V of the Defence Act, 1954, as amended, and any retired member of the Judiciary who has not returned to legal practice (and, for the avoidance of doubt, a member of the Judiciary who, following retirement, acts as a mediator or arbitrator or in a similar capacity is, for the purposes of this Constitution, a retired member of the Judiciary who has not returned to legal practice), may be a member of the Association.”

(ii) The members of the Judiciary whose signatures appear at the end of this Constitution shall be the founding members of the Association. After the founding of the Association any other members, or retired members, of the Judiciary may join the Association by letter addressed to the President of the Association.

(iii) Any member of the Association may, by notice in writing addressed to the President of the Association, leave the Association.

(iv) The Association may invite retired judges to be Honorary Members of the Association. Honorary Members of the Association may be invited by the committee to attend meetings of the Association. Honorary Members will not be entitled to vote at such meetings.

(B): **Aims and Objectives**

(i) The aims and objectives of the Association shall be:

(a) To maintain and promote the highest standards in the administration of justice;

(b) To promote the interests of its members in their professional capacity;

(c) To promote the independence of the judiciary;

(d) To promote the highest standards of judicial conduct amongst its members;

(e) To promote the general interests of its members, including those interests arising upon retirement from the Bench;

(f) To promote the exchange of ideas on the administration of justice;

(g) To further the cultural intellectual and legal proficiency of its members;

(h) To promote and maintain contacts with judges and magistrates abroad, with national and international associations and in particular national and international associations of judges.

 (i) To represent its members in any forum where that is necessary.

(j) To own and manage the website of the Association, subject to and in accordance with any protocol in that regard adopted by the Association.

(ii) The Association shall represent its members but shall not represent the Judiciary as such, and shall not replace or impinge on any other structures adopted by judges in accordance with law.

(C): **Address**

The official address of the Association shall be the address of its President or such other address as shall be determined by the Committee.

(D): **Committee**

(i) There shall be a Committee composed of eleven judges and the President. The Committee shall manage the day to day affairs of the Association.

(ii) Such members of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court and Circuit Court court who are members of the Association shall elect two judges from each of their courts, who are members of the Association to be members of the Committee. In addition such members of the District Court who are members of the Association shall elect three judges from that court, who are members of the Association to be members of the Committee. In addition, such members of the Association who are retired judges shall elect two of their number to be members of the Committee *one of whom shall be a retired judge of the Superior Courts, and one of whom shall be a retired judge of the Circuit or District Courts*. The Presidents of each court, namely, the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the High Court, the Circuit Court and the District Court, shall not be eligible for membership of the Committee. Ordinary members of the Committee shall hold office for a two year term which may be renewed.

(iii) The President of the Association shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. He or she shall preside at meetings of the Committee of the Association, and be a member of such Committee. A member of the Association who is a retired judge shall not be elected as President. The President shall hold office for two years. A member shall not be eligible to hold the post of President for more than three consecutive terms.

(iv) A President who retires from the Judiciary or who otherwise leaves or vacates office during his term shall be replaced by a general meeting convened within two weeks of the vacancy occurring and shall hold office for the remaining part of the term of office of the person being replaced. A serving judge member of the Committee who retires from the judiciary or who otherwise leaves or vacates his/her membership of the Committee shall be replaced by another member of the Association duly elected by his/her respective courts. Where a vacancy on the Committee occurs when an elected retired judge member of the Committee leaves or vacates his/her membership thereof a replacement shall be elected from retired judges who are members of the Association *and as provided for in (ii) above*.

(v) The thirteen elected members of the Committee elected by the various jurisdictions shall have one vote each and the President shall have only a casting vote. If the President is not presiding at a meeting of the Committee the person presiding shall have both an original and a casting vote.

Co-opted committee members shall not have voting rights.

(vi) The Committee shall appoint from its membership or by co-option, a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Association for such period as it determines.

(E): **Membership Fee**

(i) There shall be a membership fee in an amount determined at a general meeting of the Association. Different levels of membership fee may be prescribed for the different jurisdictions and for retired judges.

(ii) The Association shall not raise or attempt to raise funds from individuals, from government or its institutions, from public corporations or from private associations or companies.

(F): **Meetings**

(i) A general meeting of the Association shall be held:

(a) Once every year in the month of November, and this shall be the Annual General Meeting;

(b) Additionally as may be decided by the Committee;

(c) Additionally at the request of not less than one third of its members.

(ii) The Annual General Meeting shall, *inter alia*, elect the President when an election is due and consider the administrative and financial reports of the Committee. These reports shall be made available to the members at least three days before the date of any such meeting.

(G): **Constitution**

The Constitution of the Association may be amended at a general meeting. Any such amendment shall require a majority of two thirds of the members of the Association present and voting.

This Constitution was initially approved, and the Association constituted, by the undersigned members of the Judiciary.

Name: Signature: Date:

NICHOLAS KEARNS Nicholas Kearns 18.11.11

JAMES PAUL MCDONNELL James Paul McDonnell 18.11.11

JOHN EDWARDS John Edwards 18.11.11

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PATRICK MCCARTHY Patrick McCarthy 18.11.11

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