Appointment to the Supreme Court

At its meeting today, the Government nominated a serving Judge of the High Court, the Hon. Mr. Justice Peter Charleton for appointment by the President to the Supreme Court.

The vacancy arose with the retirement from the Supreme Court of the Hon. Mr. Justice Nial Fennelly on 3 May 2014.

The Government has taken the necessary steps to formally advise President Higgins of the nomination in accordance with constitutional procedure.

17 June 2014

Note for Editors
Section 17 of the Courts and Court Officers Act 1995 provides that where the Government proposes to advise the President to appoint to judicial office a person who is a judge of the High Court the provisions of section 16 of that Act (which relate to the provision by the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board of a list of suitable nominees) shall not apply.

Biographical Details for Mr. Justice Peter Charleton
Born: 1956
Educated: Trinity College Dublin and King’s Inns
Called to the Bar: 1979
Called to the Inner Bar: 1995
Appointed as a Judge of the High Court: 2006

Publications:
Controlled Drugs and the Criminal Law (Dublin, An Cló Liúir, 1986)
Offences Against the Person (Dublin, Round Hall, 1991)
Irish Criminal Law: Cases and Materials (Dublin, Butterworths, 1991)
Criminal Law (Dublin, 1999, Butterworths, with McDermott and Bolger)
Lies in a Mirror: An Essay on Evil and Deceit (Dublin, Blackhall, 2006)

In addition, Mr. Justice Charleton has had articles published in a number of Irish and international journals on, among other subjects, family law, constitutional law, copyright, extradition, law of torts, law of evidence, criminal law and judicial review.

Academic Appointments:
Lecturer in the law of tort at the King’s Inns: 1983-1985
Lecturer in criminal law at Trinity College Dublin: 1987-1989
External examiner in the law of evidence at the King’s Inns, 1997-2000
Lectures at judicial conferences and in Trinity College Dublin, King’s Inns Dublin, Fordham University New York, and Beijing University of Political Science and Law: 2006 to date
Judicial experience:
Judge of the High Court since 2006 and assigned to the Commercial Court from 2010, also has experience in judicial review and non–jury cases, the Central Criminal Court, personal injury cases, jury civil actions and the Court of Criminal Appeal. Ad hoc judge of the European Court of Human Rights. Supervisor of Judicial Researchers’ Office: 2011 to date.

Other activities:
Member of the board of the Irish Baroque Orchestra: 2005 - 2008
Chairman of the National Archives Advisory Council: 2011 to date