

## EDITORIAL

I have great pleasure in introducing this issue of the Irish Judicial Studies Journal, the third to be handled by the School of Law at the University of Limerick. We have a very broad range of articles in this issue, on topics as diverse as the centrality of truth in the pursuit of justice, children in the Irish criminal justice system, judicial discretion in sentencing, judicial reasoning in sentencing, the appointment of academics to the Irish judiciary, the techniques and statutory phrases which regulate court proceedings in family law and child law, the changing role of the solicitor in the Garda station, and unfair contract terms in managing possession cases. The authors come from both communities of legal scholarship and practice, including judges, barristers, solicitors, researchers, Ph.D. scholars and academics. This contributes richly to the insights offered. There is also a book review section. We hope that readers find it an informative and interesting read.

All submissions to the journal should relate to a topic of law or legal practice that is of interest or specifically related to the work of the Irish judiciary. Articles published in the Journal reflect the views of the authors and not of the judiciary. Contributors are advised that publication in the IJS Journal includes publication on the IJS Journal website. Those interested in submitting articles for publication should contact the editor at [IJSeditor@courts.ie](mailto:IJSeditor@courts.ie).

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