

PRESS COUNCIL
OF IRELAND



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OMBUDSMAN

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APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF PRESS OMBUDSMAN ARE NOW SOUGHT

Operating to the Code of Practice for Newspapers and Magazines, the Press Ombudsman and the Press Council of Ireland:

- provide the public with an independent forum for resolving complaints against member publications of the Press Council;
- seek to resolve all complaints quickly, fairly and free of charge;
- help to maintain high professional standards in Irish journalism; and
- protect the public interest by defending the freedom of the press and the freedom of the public to be informed.

In the light of the impending retirement of the current Press Ombudsman, Professor John Horgan, the Press Council, under the chairmanship of Mr. Dáithí O'Ceallaigh, now invites applications for the position of Press Ombudsman.

THE ROLE OF THE PRESS OMBUDSMAN IS:

- to manage the Office of the Press Ombudsman, its staff and budgets;
- to make decisions about complaints under the complaints procedures laid down in the Articles of Association of the Press Council;
- to continue the implementation of public information programmes agreed with the Council;
- to prepare an annual report; and
- to review the Code of Practice in conjunction with the Code Committee and the Press Council.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL:

- be able to demonstrate an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the role of the media in a democratic society;
- maintain the confidence of both editors and the public in the credibility and authority of the Office of the Press Ombudsman by demonstrating his/her independence, fairness and objectivity;
- have strongly developed communication, facilitation and decision making-skills, along with the ability to clearly analyse and resolve complaints;

A track record at senior management level is desirable.

A relevant third level or professional qualification is desirable.

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An attractive remuneration package is on offer commensurate with experience and qualifications. This appointment will be for a fixed term of three years, which may be extended for a further two terms. It will be made with effect from September 1st 2014.

Candidates interested in applying for this position should forward a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae, highlighting experience and knowledge specific to the criteria set out above, to:

Dáithí O'Ceallaigh,
Chairman,
Press Council of Ireland,
1-3 Westmoreland Street,
Dublin 2.

The envelope should be marked: "Press Ombudsman".

Applications in digital format should be emailed to chairman@presscouncil.ie

The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 16th May 2014.