

Tailte Éireann

Candidate Information Booklet

**Senior Legal Manager - Registration
(State Solicitor – Higher Scale)
Full-Time**

A panel may be formed to fill future temporary or permanent **Senior Legal Manager - Registration** vacancies across Tailte Éireann locations.

Reference Number: Ext 2026-02

Closing Date: 5pm, Friday 30th January 2026

General Queries: Resourcing@Tailte.ie

Tailte Éireann is an equal opportunities employer.

Tailte Éireann (TÉ) is committed to attracting, recruiting, developing and retaining the highest calibre of staff to build a diversified, supportive, innovative and inclusive workforce reflective of the wider community. Our aim is to attract the best people who have the experience, knowledge, skills, abilities and competencies to support TÉ's mission. TÉ supports equality of opportunity, diversity and inclusion and encourages underrepresented groups to make applications and accommodates candidates with disability to apply for posts.

Our Mandate and Strategic Context

TÉ was established by legislation to provide property registration, valuation and surveying services for the State.

As the principal source of property information and geospatial data, TÉ leads the development and provision of streamlined, enhanced, land, property and geospatial services to Government, public and private sector stakeholders, and the public. We are focused on strategic planning, evidence-based decision-making, and innovative service delivery.

Amidst a rapidly evolving digital landscape, TÉ is mindful of Government’s priorities as set out in the Programme for Government. It is especially aware of the Better Public Services the Public Service Transformation 2030 Strategy; the Connecting Government 2030 digital and ICT strategy and EU Digital Decade targets set for Ireland.

These strategies emphasise data-driven decision-making, innovative solutions, an agile workforce, user-centric digital services, effective data management, integrated public service infrastructure, continual innovation, digital skills development, and strong leadership.

These initiatives collectively reflect TÉ’s commitment to leveraging digital technology and innovation for improved public service delivery.

Our Mission

To provide trusted land registration, valuation and surveying services that benefit Irish society and the economy.

Our Vision

To be the authoritative provider of world class digital-first land and property services.

The Values that guide us

Integrity
We work to uphold public trust in the integrity and security of our data and in the quality of the services we provide.

Professionalism
We deliver excellent customer service by developing the skills and knowledge of our people.


Innovation
We create a culture of innovation and change. Our decisions are evidence-based, driven by data and we put the customers we serve at the centre of what we do.

Respect
We treat people with dignity and value them for their individuality. We embrace equality, diversity and inclusiveness.


Accountability
We are accountable for the decisions we make and the actions we take.

Transparency
We are open and honest with our stakeholders. We demonstrate impartiality at all levels to ensure fair and equitable decision-making.


Our Drivers




Our Customers




Digital




Our People



Value




Integration




Sustainability

Our Strategic Goals




Integration

Bring our people and processes together to deliver integrated services that maximise our potential value.




Data-Driven Digital Services

Ensure we use our data to develop digital-first solutions. By extracting value from our data, we contribute to evidence-based policy development.



Optimising Land, Property and Geospatial Services

Leverage the benefits of the merger to unlock the full potential of our land, property and geospatial information.



Investing in our People

Embrace new ways of working and develop our people and culture for the benefit of our stakeholders.

The Role

Title of Post:	Senior Legal Manager - Registration
Pay Scale:	State Solicitor (Higher Scale)
Location:	Dublin
Reporting To:	Head of Legal Services, Principal Solicitor

The Senior Legal Manager - Registration is a qualified legal practitioner responsible for supporting the delivery of T  s legal strategy and services. Reporting directly to the Head of Legal Services the State Solicitor leads a team of legal professionals and support staff, ensuring the effective provision of legal services across T  s Registration functions.

This is a senior leadership role requires litigation expertise, strong advocacy skills, and a thorough understanding of court procedures and regulatory frameworks. The successful candidate will provide expert legal advice on complex statutory matters, manage high-impact legal and administrative projects, and drive innovation and operational efficiency within Legal Services.

The role demands a high level of professionalism, integrity, and performance with a focus on fostering collaboration across the organisation and with external stakeholders. The State Solicitor plays a key role in shaping legal best practices, supporting strategic planning, and embedding legal risk awareness into decision-making processes.

Role Responsibilities

The role of Senior Legal Manager – Registration includes, but is not limited to, the following duties:

- Providing high-quality, timely legal advice tailored to Tailte   ireann’s statutory functions under relevant legislation;
- Demonstrating practical advocacy skills and extensive knowledge of court procedures, evidence, and legal processes;
- Leading and managing legal proceedings related to Tailte   ireann’s statutory remit, including supervisory engagements and litigation oversight;
- Conducting rigorous, fair, and independent legal assessments to support the Legal Services team in maintaining high standards;
- Overseeing counsel fees, legal cost accounting, and recovery processes in line with statutory and internal requirements;
- Coordinating court files, compiling information for court lists, and liaising with internal and external stakeholders, including the Courts Service and the Chief State Solicitor’s Office;
- Supporting public inquiries and providing legal assistance to participating clients; Identifying, assessing, and mitigating legal risks across all business areas, embedding legal risk awareness into decision-making and organisational culture;
- Monitoring and interpreting changes in legislation and case law, advising on implications, and ensuring timely organisational response;
- Preparing draft responses to proposed legislative changes and contributing to policy development;

- Ensuring accurate data entry and processing in the Case Management System to support fee payments and maintain data quality;
- Managing the archiving and organisation of legal files in accordance with best practice;
- Providing legal support during organisational incidents, including regulatory investigations, data breaches, FOI requests, and reputational matters;
- Leading and managing a high-performing, multi-disciplinary legal team, fostering a culture of excellence, accountability, and continuous improvement. Supporting team development through knowledge sharing, mentoring, and access to professional development opportunities;
- Contributing to strategic planning and implementation of Tailte Éireann's legal and organisational objectives;
- Developing and overseeing systems, best practices, and operational procedures to enhance legal service delivery;
- Presenting proposals to support innovation and continuous improvement in legal operations;
- Leading complex legal and administrative projects in collaboration with cross-functional teams;
- Building and maintaining effective working relationships with internal and external stakeholders;
- Representing Tailte Éireann in external fora, upholding the highest standards of legal professionalism.

Note: This job description is subject to re-definition as part of ongoing reforms within the Public Service and change management initiatives within TÉ.

Person Specification

On the closing date of **Friday, 30th January 2026 at 5pm** candidates must satisfy all the following requirements:

Essential Criteria:

- Be called to the Bar of Ireland; **or**
- Be admitted and currently enrolled as a Solicitor or Barrister in the State, and entitled to hold a practising certificate issued by the Law Society of Ireland; **and**
- Have at least 4 years of post-qualification experience in legal practice and/ or providing legal services and advice in a regulatory setting, with a demonstrable record of professional achievement; **and**
- Possess significant management experience, including leading legal teams and managing resources at an appropriate scale and level; **and**
- Demonstrate excellent communication, interpersonal, and relationship management skills, with the capacity to influence and work effectively with a complex stakeholder group in a collaborative manner; **and**
- Be highly motivated, dynamic, and ambitious in delivering demanding strategic development targets, with strong personal and professional integrity; **and**

- Have a strong focus on delivery and results, with the ability to operate effectively in a complex environment and meet challenging deadlines; **and**
- Show a personal commitment to maintaining high-quality standards, demonstrating innovation, adaptability to changing demands, and a commitment to leading and supporting teams in new ways of working; **and**
- The capacity to demonstrate to a high level the key competencies that have been devised for posts at this level under the following headings (see Appendix A for more details):
 1. Leadership;
 2. Judgement, Analysis & Decision Making;
 3. Management & Delivery of Results;
 4. Interpersonal & Communication Skills;
 5. Specialist Knowledge, Expertise and Self Development;
 6. Drive & Commitment to Public Service Values.

Principal Conditions of Service (Please also refer to the Important Additional Information Document provided)

General

The appointment is on a probationary basis to a permanent post in the Civil Service and is subject to the Civil Service Regulations Acts 1956 to 2005, the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004 and any other Act for the time being in force relating to the Civil Service.

Salary

The PPC (Personal Pension Contribution) salary for this position with effect from 1st August 2025 is as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9
€89,432	€92,833	€96,244	€99,654	€103,060	€105,052	€108,432 LSI 1	€111,822 LSI 2

Personal Pension Contribution (PPC)

The PPC pay rate applies when the individual is required to pay a Personal Pension Contribution (otherwise known as a main scheme contribution) in accordance with the rules of their main/personal superannuation scheme. This is different to a contribution in respect of membership of a Spouses' and Children's scheme, or the Additional Superannuation Contributions (ASC).

A different rate will apply where the appointee is not required to make a Personal Pension Contribution. Long service increments may be payable after 3 (LSI1) and 6 (LSI2) years satisfactory service at the maximum of the scale.

Important Note

Entry will be at the minimum of the scale, and the rate of remuneration will not be subject to negotiation and may be adjusted from time to time in line with Government pay policy. Different terms and conditions may apply if you are a currently serving civil or public servant.

Subject to satisfactory performance, increments may be payable in line with current Government Policy. Payment will be made weekly / fortnightly in arrears by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) into a bank account of your choice. Payment cannot be made until a bank account number and bank sort code has been supplied on appointment and statutory deductions from salary will be made as appropriate.

You will agree that any overpayment of salary, allowances, or expenses will be repaid by you in accordance with Circular 07/2018: Recovery of Salary, Allowances, and Expenses Overpayments made to Staff Members / Former Staff Members/Pensioners.

Tenure and Probation

The appointment is to a permanent position on a probationary contract in the Civil Service. The probationary contract will be for a period of one year from the date specified on the contract. During the period of your probationary contract, your performance will be subject to review by your manager(s) to determine whether you:

- (i) Have performed in a satisfactory manner;
- (ii) Have been satisfactory in general conduct;
- (iii) Are suitable from the point of view of health with particular regard to sick leave.

Prior to the completion of the probationary contract a decision will be made as to whether or not you will be retained pursuant to *Section 5A (2) Civil Service Regulation Acts 1956–2005*. This decision will be based on your performance assessed against the criteria set out in (i) to (iii) above. The detail of the probationary process will be explained to you by HR, and you will be given a copy of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's guidelines on probation.

All appointees will serve a one-year probationary period. If an appointee who fails to satisfy the conditions of probation has been a serving civil servant immediately prior to their appointment from this competition, the issue of reversion will normally arise. In the event of reversion, an officer will return to a vacancy at their former grade in their former Department.

In the following circumstances your contract may be extended and your probation period suspended.

- The probationary period stands suspended when an employee is absent due to Maternity or Adoptive Leave;
- In relation to an employee absent on Parental Leave or Carers Leave, the employer may require probation to be suspended if the absence is not considered to be consistent with the continuation of the probation; and
- Any other statutory provision providing that probation shall -
 - (i) stand suspended during an employee's absence from work, and
 - (ii) be completed by the employee on the employees return from work after such absence.

Where probation is suspended the employer should notify the employee of the circumstances relating to the suspension.

Unfair Dismissals Acts 1977-2015

The Unfair Dismissals Acts 1977–2015 will not apply to the termination of this employment by reason only of the expiry of this probationary contract without it being renewed.

The Organisation of Working Time Act

The terms of the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 will apply, where appropriate, to this employment.

Headquarters

Headquarters will be such as may be designated from time to time by the CEO. When required to travel on official duty the appointee will be paid appropriate travelling expenses and subsistence allowances, subject to normal civil service regulations.

Duties

The employee will be required to perform any duties appropriate to the position which may be assigned from time to time. The officer may not engage in private practice or be connected with any outside business which would interfere with the performance of official duties or conflict with his/her role.

Hours of attendance

Hours of attendance will be fixed from time to time but will amount to not less than 41 hours 15 minutes gross per week or 35 hours net per week. No additional payment will be made for extra attendance (over and above 41 hours and 15 minutes gross or 35 hours net per week) as the rate of remuneration payable covers any exceptional extra attendance liability that may arise from time to time.

Annual Leave

The annual leave allowance for this position is 30 days. This allowance is subject to the usual conditions regarding the granting of annual leave in the civil service, is based on a five-day week and is exclusive of the usual public holidays.

How to Apply

The closing date and time for applications is Friday, 30th January 2026 at 5pm. Please note late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Candidates **must** submit:

- A cover letter / personal statement (no more than 2 pages) clearly outlining why you wish to be considered for the post and where you believe your skills, knowledge, experience and values meet the requirements of the position (Calibri Font Size 12; 1.5 Line spacing, in MS Word format); **and**
- A completed Application Form (in MS Word format); **and**
- Proof of eligibility to be provided with application as set out below:

Citizenship Requirements (Proof of Eligibility)

Eligible candidates must be:

- A citizen of the European Economic Area (EEA). The EEA consists of the Member States of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway; **or**
- A citizen of the United Kingdom (UK); **or**
- A citizen of Switzerland pursuant to the agreement between the EU and Switzerland on the free movement of persons; **or**
- A non-EEA citizen who has a stamp 4 permission¹ or a Stamp 5 permission.

Completed applications should be emailed to Resourcing@Tailte.ie with the job title and reference number in the subject line of the email.

Only fully completed applications that include all documentation required and have been received before or on the closing date and time will be considered. Incomplete or late applications will not be put forward for consideration.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure they have submitted fully complete applications and all additional documentation by the closing date and time.

Competition Process

If the numbers applying are such that it would not be practical to interview all applicants, it may be decided to shortlist only those assessed as most suitable for the role based on the application submitted. In this case

¹ Please note that a 50 TEU permission, which is a replacement for Stamp 4EUFAM after Brexit, is acceptable as a Stamp 4 equivalent.

the selection board(s) will examine and assess the applications against pre-determined criteria. The assessment process may include one or more of the following:

- Shortlisting of candidates on the basis of the information contained in their application.
- Competitive preliminary interview.
- A final competitive interview.

At interview you will be required to provide specific and detailed examples of where you have demonstrated the skills and competencies required for this role. These skills and competencies will be thoroughly and systematically explored in order to determine suitability for the role. The interview board may ask you for additional examples.

Your application and performance at interview may also be considered in the context of assessing communication skills.

At all stages of the recruitment process, applicants will be notified of the outcome. Post-interview feedback will be provided, upon request, by the Resourcing Team. Candidates seeking clarification of decisions following shortlisting or post interview, regarding their candidature should direct their request to Resourcing@tailte.ie. This feedback will be managed appropriately as a standard part of the appointment process and does not require the initiation of any formal procedures.

General Information

This competition will be used to fill the post of Senior Legal Manager - Registration in TÉ. Please note:

- Assignments are competitive and merit-based;
- The successful candidates can and will be assigned work in accordance with business demands;
- If shortlisting is required candidates will be assessed based on the evidence they provide, demonstrating the competencies required for the role. It is critically important that you give, specific and accurate examples of how you gained the experience and demonstrated the skills and experience required.

This competition will be held under the TÉ Recruitment Licence and in compliance with the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA) Code of Practice – [CPSA - Code of Practice](#)

Conditions of Appointment

Appointment will be at the grade of State Solicitor, Higher Scale and subject to the usual conditions governing such appointments. On appointment, officers serve the first 12 months in an unestablished capacity i.e. probationary period.

Panel

A panel may be established from this competition and may be used to fill further Senior Legal Manager – Registration positions that may arise across TÉ Locations. The panel will expire 12 months from the date of the first appointment under this competition unless permanently exhausted prior to that date.

It should be noted that the filling of vacancies in TÉ is determined by the organisational requirements at the time a post is being filled and therefore, there is no guarantee that this panel will be fully utilised.

Appointment(s) will be offered, in order of merit.

The decision to accept or decline an offer must be made within 10 working days.

Officers must take up duty immediately or within an acceptable timeframe.

Codes of Practice

This competition will be held in compliance with the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA) Code of Practice, *“Appointments to Positions in the Civil Service and Public Service”*. The Code reflects the following core principles:

- Probity;
- Appointments Made on Merit;
- An Appointments Process in Line with Best Practice;
- A Fair Appointments Process Applied with Consistency;
- Appointments Made in an Open, Accountable and Transparent Manner;
- Appointment made promoting equality, diversity and inclusion.

Candidates should familiarise themselves with the contents of the Code of Practice including the provisions in relation to the responsibilities placed on candidates who participate in the recruitment and selection process. The Code of Practice may be accessed by visiting www.cpsa.ie

Complaints and Requests for Review

Complaints and requests for review will be considered in accordance with the procedures set out in Sections 7 and 8 in the Code of Practice. Such complaints or requests for review should be emailed to erirqueries@tailte.ie with the job title and reference number in the subject line of the email.

Expenses

TÉ will not be responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of applying, attending and/or being successful at this competition.

Data Protection

Information submitted as part of this competition is used in processing your application. Where the services of a third party are used in processing your application, it may be required to provide them with information, however all necessary precautions will be taken to ensure the security of your data. All personal information and views submitted by you in competing in this competition will be held and used solely for the purposes of this competition.

Appendix A – Key Competency Framework – State Solicitor

Leadership	Actively contributes to the development of the strategies and policies of the Department/Organisation
	Brings a focus and drive to building and sustaining high levels of performance, addressing any performance issues as they arise
	Leads and maximises the contribution of the team as a whole
	Considers the effectiveness of outcomes in terms wider than own immediate area
	Clearly defines objectives/goals & delegates effectively, encouraging ownership and responsibility for tasks
	Develops capability of others through feedback, coaching & creating opportunities for skills development
	Identifies and takes opportunities to exploit new and innovative service delivery channels
Judgement, Analysis & Decision Making	Research issues thoroughly, consulting appropriately to gather all information needed on an issue
	Understands complex issues quickly, accurately absorbing and evaluating data (including numerical data)
	Integrates diverse strands of information, identifying inter-relationships and linkages
	Makes clear, timely and well-grounded decisions on important issues
	Considers the wider implications agendas and sensitivities within decisions and the impact on a range of stakeholders
Management & Delivery of Results	Takes a firm position on issues s/he considers important
	Takes responsibility for challenging tasks and delivers on time and to a high standard
	Plans and prioritises work in terms of importance, timescales and other resource constraints, re-prioritising in light of changing circumstances
	Ensures quality and efficient customer service is central to the work of the division
	Looks critically at issues to see how things can be done better
	Is open to new ideas initiatives and creative solutions to problems
	Ensures controls and performance measures are in place to deliver efficient and high value services
Interpersonal & Communication skills	Effectively manages multiple projects
	Presents information in a confident, logical and convincing manner, verbally and in writing
	Encourages open and constructive discussions around work issues
	Promotes teamwork within the section, but also works effectively on projects across Departments/Sectors
	Maintains poise and control when working to influence others
	Instils a strong focus on Customer Service in his/her area
	Develops and maintains a network of contacts to facilitate problem solving or information sharing
Specialist Knowledge, Expertise and Self Development	Engages effectively with a range of stakeholders, including members of the public, Public Service Colleagues and the political system
	Has a clear understanding of the roles, objectives and targets of self and the team and how they fit into the work of the unit and Department/Organisation
	Has a breadth and depth of knowledge of Department and Governmental issues and is sensitive to wider political and organisational priorities
	Is considered an expert by stakeholders in own field/area
	Is focused on self-development, seeking feedback and opportunities for growth to help carry out the specific requirements of the role
	Is self-motivated and shows a desire to continuously perform at a high level

Drive & Commitment to Public Service Values	Is personally honest and trustworthy and can be relied upon
	Ensures the citizen is at the heart of all services provided
	Through leading by example, fosters the highest standards of ethics and integrity