

## Report on Standing Committee on Local Admissions 2017

The total number of local admissions for 2017 (up to 30 November), with a breakdown of admissions based on different qualifications and through different qualifying routes and of those who have proceeded to private practice and those who have joined the Department of Justice, and together with the statistics for 2004 - 2016, are as follows:

|  | 2004      | 2005      | 2006      | 2007      | 2008      | 2009      | 2010      | 2011      | 2012      | 2013      | 2014      | 2015      | 2016      | 2017      |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total admissions for the year                            | 65        | 87        | 82        | 68        | 72        | 55        | 50        | 70        | 66        | 82        | 82        | 90        | 85        | 86*       |
| Admissions replying on the transitional provision s.74C: | <u>10</u> | <u>2</u>  | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| - joined the private Bar                                 | 6         | 1         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| - unknown  | 4         | 1         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| Admissions based on PCLL qualifications:                 | <u>49</u> | <u>74</u> | <u>73</u> | <u>63</u> | <u>70</u> | <u>54</u> | <u>45</u> | <u>68</u> | <u>64</u> | <u>78</u> | <u>79</u> | <u>86</u> | <u>84</u> | <u>85</u> |
| - joined the private Bar                                 | 48        | 70        | 66        | 59        | 66        | 45        | 30        | 49        | 54        | 61        | 65        | 68        | 63        | 61        |
| - joined the Legal Department/Department of Justice      | 1         | 4         | 7         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 6         | 5         |
| - unknown  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 4         | 4         | 9         | 15        | 19        | 10        | 16        | 14        | 17        | 15        | 19        |
| Admissions of former legal officers:                     | <u>3</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>1</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>1</u>  | <u>1</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>1</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  |
| - joined the private Bar                                 | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| - remained in the Legal Department/Department of Justice | 3         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| - unknown  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Admissions of former solicitors:                         | <u>3</u>  | <u>11</u> | <u>6</u>  | <u>5</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>4</u>  | <u>1</u>  | <u>1</u>  | <u>3</u>  | <u>2</u>  | <u>2</u>  | <u>1</u>  | <u>1</u>  |
| - joined the private Bar                                 | 3         | 11        | 6         | 4         | 0         | 0         | 3         | 1         | 1         | 3         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 1         |
| - joined the Legal Department/Department of Justice      | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| - unknown  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         |
| Admissions of overseas lawyers:                          | -         | -         | <u>2</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>2</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>1</u>  | <u>1</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>1</u>  | <u>2</u>  | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  |
| - joined the private Bar                                 | -         | -         | 2         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 2         | 0         | 0         |
| - joined the Legal Department/Department of Justice      | -         | -         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| - unknown  | -         | -         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Admissions under s.27(1)(b)                              | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| <b>Currently holding a practising certificate</b>        | <b>38</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>67</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>76</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>62</b> |

\*as at 30 November 2017

To give members an accurate view of the net growth of the Bar since 2004, the numbers of members who were admitted in 2004 and thereafter and who are currently holding a Practising Certificate are set out in the last row.

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