

maurice landers

To: Judicial, Cc: registrar@judicialcouncil.ie · Mon, May 25 at 9:34 AM

## Message Body

Dear Judicial Council,

Further to the complaint I submitted, and **for completeness**, I attach the full document titled "*Direct experience/communications with the High Court, Information Commissioner and others.*"

I am **not** asking the Judicial Council to consider the document in its entirety.

Only the following specific sections are relevant to **procedural fairness** and **judicial conduct**, and I refer to them **solely** for that purpose:

- A. Strike-out confusion before the hearing**
- B. Refusal to postpone the costs hearing**
- C. Limiting the April 25 hearing to costs only**
- D. Judge claiming he never received my submission**
- E. Registrar retirement and email failure**
- F. Judge failing to address my point of law**
- G. Costs order against a lay litigant**

These sections demonstrate **procedural irregularities, miscommunication, and failures to engage with material before the court**. They are provided solely to assist the Judicial Council in assessing the fairness of the judge's conduct.

Kind regards,  
Maurice Landers

Attached : [other-communications.pdf](#)

On Friday, May 22, 2026 at 12:22:42 PM EDT, maurice landers <mauricelanders@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Angela,

The alleged misconduct occurred on 24 February 2022 during the High Court hearing of my statutory appeal (Record No. 2020/53 MCA).

This was my High Court date which I assume is what you are requesting. But the announcement of the awarding of funds (actual alleged misconduct) occurred Dec. 15, 2010.

Kind regards,  
Maurice

On Friday, May 22, 2026 at 11:51:34 AM EDT, Judicial Council Information <info@judicialcouncil.ie> wrote:

Dear Mr Landers,

To progress your complaint please supply the specific date on which the alleged misconduct occurred.

Thank you.

Regards,

Angela Brennan

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The Judicial Council

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Body of this email contd. Below...

**From:** The Judicial Council <noreply@judicialcouncil.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday 22 May 2026 15:40  
**To:** Judicial Council Registrar <registrar@judicialcouncil.ie>  
**Subject:** The Judicial Council - Complaint Form Submission

## **BASIS ON WHICH COMPLAINT IS MADE**

1A MAKING A COMPLAINT ON YOUR OWN BEHALF

## **PART 1A: DETAILS OF THE COMPLAINANT**

### **Basis on which the Complaint is made**

I am directly affected by the conduct complained of

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## **PART 2: DETAILS OF THE COMPLAINT**

**Name of the Judge complained of:** Mr. Justice Cian Ferriter

**Place where the alleged misconduct occurred:** National Pensions Reserve Fund (NPRF, now ISIF) and National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) contd. from 'Details of the Complaint' section (there was no room): Review the judge's conduct as recorded in the transcript Determine whether the conduct fell below the standards expected under the Judicial Conduct Guidelines Take any action the Committee deems appropriate 7. Declaration I confirm that: This complaint is made in good faith It concerns judicial conduct, not the merits of the decision All statements are true to the best of my knowledge Signed: Maurice D. Landers Date: May 22, 2026

**Time and date of the alleged misconduct complained of:** 2010

**Details of the complaint:** Complainant: Maurice D. Landers Judge: Mr. Justice Cian Ferriter Court: High Court Case: Landers v. Information Commissioner Record No.: 2020/53 MCA Hearing Date: 24 February 2022  
1. Nature of Complaint This complaint concerns the conduct of the presiding judge during the hearing of my statutory appeal under the Freedom of Information Act 2014. I am not challenging the judgment or seeking

any change to the outcome. My complaint relates solely to the judge's behaviour, handling of the hearing, treatment of the parties, and failure to engage with material submissions and evidence, as demonstrated in the official transcript.

2. Summary of Conduct Concerns The transcript shows several issues that fall within the Judicial Conduct Committee's remit:

A. Mischaracterisation of my submissions Throughout the hearing, I relied on Section 23 of the FOI Act (inadequate decision). I referred to it repeatedly and explicitly. However: The judge did not acknowledge Section 23 at any point. Instead, he reframed my case as being based on "irrationality," even though I did not advance irrationality as a legal ground. This mischaracterisation altered the basis on which my submissions were assessed. This constitutes failure to give a fair hearing and misrepresentation of submissions, as defined in the Judicial Conduct Guidelines.

B. Failure to consider relevant evidence presented in court The transcript shows that the judge did not engage with several pieces of evidence that were central to my submissions, including: The PwC engagement letter ICAI's confirmation that they received and relied upon the audit plan The Commissioner's contradictory statements NTMA's evasive answers to key questions Evidence showing the Commissioner had the relevant documents before making his decision These items were placed before the court and referenced during the hearing, yet the transcript shows no engagement with them. This falls under failure to consider relevant evidence.

C. Apparent pre-judgment Before I had mentioned certain documents, the judge referred to them as if he already knew their content. For example, he referred to the PowerPoint presentations ("PPPs") before I had raised them. This creates a reasonable concern that the judge had formed views about the case before hearing my submissions. This falls under apparent bias or pre-judgment.

D. Unequal treatment of the parties The transcript shows: The judge accepted late submissions from the respondent. The judge refused to accept my late exhibits, despite my compliance with deadlines. The judge scrutinised my submissions closely, but accepted the respondent's statements without question. The judge did not probe contradictions in the respondent's evidence, but curtailed my attempts to highlight them. This constitutes failure to treat parties equally, contrary to the Judicial Conduct Guidelines.

E. Excessive narrowing of the hearing While judges may limit hearings to points of law, the transcript shows that the judge: Repeatedly cut off lines of argument that were directly relevant to the legal issues Declined to engage with statutory provisions I relied upon (Sections 23, 11.9, 45) Redirected me away from evidence that contradicted the respondent's position Emphasised time pressure ("we must finish by 3pm"), which appeared to influence the depth of engagement This falls under failure to conduct the hearing with appropriate diligence and fairness.

3. Why This Is a Conduct Complaint (Not an Appeal) I am not disputing the judge's legal conclusions. I am not asking the Judicial Council to review or overturn the judgment. My complaint concerns: How the judge handled the hearing How he treated the parties How he mischaracterised my submissions How he failed to consider evidence How he appeared to pre-judge issues These are behavioural and procedural matters, not legal errors.

4. Evidence Supporting the Complaint My complaint is supported entirely by the official High Court transcript, which records: The judge's interruptions The judge's narrowing of issues The judge's misstatements of my submissions The judge's references to documents not yet mentioned The judge's acceptance of the respondent's late submissions The judge's refusal to accept my late exhibits The judge's failure to address the evidence I presented I can provide the transcript upon request.

5. Impact of the Conduct The conduct described above had the following effects: I was not afforded a fair opportunity to present my case. My actual legal arguments were not addressed. Material evidence was not considered. The respondent was treated more favourably than me. The appearance of impartiality was undermined. As a litigant in person, I relied on the court to ensure a fair and balanced hearing. The transcript shows that this did not occur.

6. Requested Outcome I am not seeking any change to the judgment. I request that the Judicial Conduct Committee: contd above 2nd box

**Awareness confirmed that Judge will be notified:** Consent confirmed

**Awareness confirmed of confidentiality:** Consent confirmed

**GPDR consent checkbox:** Consent confirmed

**Information Section consent checkbox:** Consent confirmed

**Signed:** Maurice D. Landers

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