

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

The Government has today appointed Ms Claire Loftus to be the next Director of Public Prosecutions. Ms Loftus will succeed the current Director, Mr James Hamilton, when he retires on 7 November next.

Educated in University College Dublin, and qualified as a solicitor since 1992, Ms Loftus has over 18 years experience working in criminal law, most recently as the Head of the Directing Division in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. She was previously the Chief Prosecution Solicitor in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions from 2001 to 2009.

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