

Justice Media Awards 2024

Shortlisted entries



Category 1 - Print/online Journalism (daily)

Inside the Irish State's legal strategy in the 1980s to try to defend the criminalisation of homosexuality before the European Court of Human Rights

Lauren Boland

The Journal

End of archaic High Court wardship system welcomed but new service faces challenges

Mary Carolan

The Irish Times

From the court room: the assault of a GAA referee

Malachy Clerkin

The Irish Times

Ireland's First Deaf Barrister - Using the Legal System to Break Down Barriers

Jenny Friel

Irish Daily Mail

Fact-checking the Family and Care Referendums

Stephen McDermott

The Journal

What is a war crime and is international law being broken in Israel and Gaza?

Stephen McDermott

The Journal

Patients who received apologies excluded from CAMHS damages scheme

Shane Phelan

Irish Independent

Shining a light on the Small Claims Court

Conor Pope

The Irish Times

FactFind: What is a 'safe country of origin' and how many asylum seekers come from one?

Shane Raymond

The Journal

South Dublin planning saga: Lawyer leaves top firm over €225k demand
Fionnán Sheahan
Irish Independent

Category 2 - Print/Online Journalism (Sunday)

The murder trial of Jozef Puska
Nicola Byrne
Irish Mail on Sunday

Free speech fears and far-right conspiracies: the culture war over Ireland's hate speech legislation
Stephen McDermott
The Journal

Taking a Stand: The enormous cost of being a whistleblower
Daniel Murray
Business Post

Trouble in the unregulated billion euro loan note market
Fearghal O'Connor
Sunday Independent

Court reporting
Patrick O'Donoghue
The Sunday Times Ireland

Big Tech's Watchdog bites back over complaints of soft justice
Laura Roddy
The Sunday Times Ireland

Courts Can't Respond to Political Criticism
Catherine Sanz
Business Post

High Court Cases Caught In Awful Cycle of Delays
Mark Tighe
Sunday Independent

The men behind the Custom House Capital conspiracy are finally called to account
Barry J Whyte
Business Post

Planning and the Courts - The fallout from the state's bid to tackle judicial reviews of development projects
Killian Woods
Business Post

Category 3 - Print/Online Journalism (local)

Race hate crimes in one area of Belfast have doubled since 2017

Luke Butterly
The Detail

Clare woman seeks reform of family law courts which "bankrupt" victims

Dan Danaher
Clare Champion

Restorative Justice: Giving a Voice to Victims and a Second Chance to Offenders

Ronan Dodd
The Tipperary Star

Familicide review an 'important first step'

Séamus Enright
The Anglo-Celt

A look inside the inquest that will never be forgotten

Tadhg Evans
The Kerryman

Ballyforan man given probation act for assault on referee at GAA game

James Fogarty
Roscommon Herald

Kerry school students laundered €1.3m in illegal money mule transactions

Sinead Kelleher
The Kerryman

Character References

Aidan O'Connor
Kerry's Eye

Did Ann's death bring all the needed change?

Donal O'Keefe
The Echo

Singing priest, sexual predator

Donal O'Regan
Limerick Leader

Deering wants a level playing pitch for all

Amy Power
The Echo

Category 4 - Broadcast Journalism (radio – national)

Cross Examination for those providing character references

Andrea Gilligan, Dee King, Heather Blackbyrne, Ross Leahy & Mark Simpson
Lunchtime Live - Newstalk

Reforming contempt law: Enoch is enough

Justin McCarthy & Elayne Devlin

This Week - RTÉ Radio 1

Special Emergency Arrangements and the Courts

Brian O'Connell

Today with Claire Byrne - RTÉ Radio 1

Inside The Children's Court

Evelyn O'Rourke & Niamh Lyons

Today with Claire Byrne - RTÉ Radio 1

Category 5 - Broadcast Journalism (radio – local)

The Holy Week Murders - Crimes of Hate

Niall Delaney

Ocean FM

Called to the Jury-The Joe Finnegan Show

Joe Finnegan & Kevin McDermott

Shannonside Northern Sound FM

The Assisted Dying Legislation

Joe Finnegan, Eoghan Murphy & Kevin McDermott

Shannonside Northern Sound FM

The Importance of Family Mediation

Patricia Messinger & JohnPaul McNamara

C103 Cork Radio

LMFM's Michael Reade exposing injustice, championing justice for victims of clerical child sexual abuse

Michael Reade

LMFM Radio

'We didn't really know what our rights were'

Mairead Twohig, Barry O'Mahony, Damien Sreenan & Katie O'Keeffe

Cork's 96FM & C103

Category 6 - Broadcast Journalism (podcast)

The controversial landlord: How Marc Godart and his family built an Irish rental empire

Suzanne Brennan, John Casey, Declan Conlon, Aideen Finnegan, Bernice Harrison, Colm Keena, Olivia Kelly, Naomi O'Leary & Sorcha Pollak

The Irish Times

The Trial - Ashling Murphy

Nicola Byrne & Caroline Cheetham

Metro Mail Media – DMG Media

The Explainer: What's the story with Ireland's neutrality?

Laura Byrne, Nicky Ryan & Sinéad O'Carroll
The Explainer Podcast - The Journal Media

The Kinahans

Ian Doyle, Damien Lane, Stephen Breen, Michael Doyle & Vivienne Wood
The Irish Sun

The South Dublin planning saga and the quest for 'go away money'

Kevin Doyle, Fionnán Sheahan, Tabitha Monahan & Niall McMonagle
The Indo Daily

All Rise - The Ashling Murphy Murder Trial

Frank Greaney, Aisling Moore & Lochlainn Harte
Newstalk

The Women's Podcast Referendum Special

Róisín Ingle, Suzanne Brennan & JJ Vernon
The Irish Times

Shattered Lives: the Ashling Murphy trial

Michael O'Toole, Paul Healy & Andrei Scintian,
Reach Ireland/Irish Mirror/Irish Daily Star

Money for Jam

Mark Tighe, Ellen Coyne, Garrett Mulhall, Tabitha Monahan & Jon Smith
Sunday Independent

The breakdown of law and order in Dublin

Adrian Weckler, Tabitha Monahan, Kevin Doyle, Dee Reddy, Garrett Mulhall, Mary Carroll & John Smith
The Indo Daily

Category 7 - Broadcast Journalism (TV/video)

The Ashling Murphy Murder Trial

Brian Daly, Colette Fitzpatrick, Aisling Roche, Deborah Naylor, Paul Quinn, Ruairi Carroll, Joe Walsh & Mick McCaffrey
Virgin Media News

Dublin After Dark

Seán Dunne, Mick McCaffrey & Geraldine Boyle
Virgin Media

Prime Time - Lifers

Sallyanne Godson, Barry Cummins & Sean Mooney
RTÉ Prime Time

The Stardust Inquests

Conor Hunt
RTÉ News

The Guards
Shauna Keogh
Virgin Media

Iniúchadh TG4 - Céad Míle Fáilte?
Kevin Magee, Meabh Fields, Michael Quinn & Deirdre Ní Choistín
TG4

Uncovering a Rogue Landlord
Naomi O'Leary & Enda O'Dowd
The Irish Times

Hate Crime - The Anthony Burke Interview
Paul Quinn & Oisín Moran
Virgin Media News

Murdered: The Baby on the Beach
Mariana Rios Sanchez, David Harvey & Kevin Cantrell
Virgin Media

In Your Face - a new form of protest
Oonagh Smyth, Philip Gallagher, Shirley Bradshaw, Aidan McGuinness & Martin Vale
RTÉ Prime Time

Category 8 - Court Reporting (print/online)

It is bringing justice to the local population: a day trip to the Aran Islands with a District Court judge
Mary Carolan
The Irish Times

The aftermath of the trial of Jozef Puska for the murder of Ashling Murphy
Mary Carolan
The Irish Times

Justice for Ashling – the Trial of Jozef Puska
Catherine Fegan
Irish Independent

Court reporting on rape offences
Fiona Ferguson
CCC Nuacht News Agency

Money, mystery, and Michael Lynn: The two trials that brought a 16-year saga to a close
Isabel Hayes
The Currency

Pte Seán Rooney's case at the Military Court in Beirut
Hannah McCarthy
The Irish Times

Stardust inquests

Sean Murray
Irish Examiner

Court Reporting

Patrick O'Donoghue
The Sunday Times Ireland

Letter reveals lonely life and 'cruel' death of Tipperary couple

Shane Phelan
Irish Independent

"I am the murderer" - the trial of Jozef Puska

Eoin Reynolds
The Journal

Unauthorised Peat Extraction

Niall Sargent
The Currency

Solicitor ran up €566k deficit in client account

Mark Tighe
Sunday Independent

Category 9 - Court Reporting (broadcast)

Nora

Barry Cummins & Brídóg Ní Bhuachalla
RTÉ Prime Time

Puska takes the Stand

Frank Greaney
Newstalk

Judge Warns Kerry Money Mules

Mark Lynch
Radio Kerry

Radio Kerry News Coverage of Tatenda's Inquest

Mark Lynch & Mary Gallagher
Radio Kerry

"We have evil in this room." - The Ashling Murphy murder trial

Deborah Naylor
Virgin Media News

Category 10 - Human Rights/Social Justice Reporting (print/online)

Inside the Irish State's legal strategy in the 1980s to try to defend the criminalisation of homosexuality before the European Court of Human Rights

Lauren Boland
The Journal

Boy locked in a room, assaulted and left covered in child's faeces

Ali Bracken
Sunday Independent

Bill Kenneally case: How a TD, a priest and gardaí handled Waterford child abuse complaints

Eoghan Dalton, Sinead O'Carroll & Daragh Brophy
The Journal

Where now for the gig economy after the Domino's judgment?

Linda Daly
The Sunday Times Ireland

The Northern Ireland Legacy Act

Freya McClements
The Irish Times

The inadequacies of mental health care for children in care

Ann Murphy
Irish Examiner

Parole Board made us feel heard, say parents of gangland murder victim Jonathan O'Reilly

Alison O'Reilly
Irish Examiner

Landmark Supreme Court Ruling on Pension Rights

Órla Ryan
The Journal

Category 11 – Human Rights/Social Justice Reporting (Broadcast)

Last Rights - Prime Time reports on the stark choice facing Irish lawmakers

Louise Byrne, Aaron Heffernan, Shirley Bradshaw, Kieran O'Connell,
Martin Vale & Jim Dalton
RTÉ Prime Time

Calling Time: Are family visits a priority for the prison service?

Alice Chambers, Maria Delaney & Susan Daly
Noteworthy

Detained in Iraq - A wife's fight to get her husband home

Nicole Gernon, Ronan McIntyre, Alvaro Valero
Virgin Media

Prime Time: Surrogacy - An Irish Solution to an International Problem

Sallyanne Godson, Sarah McInerney, Martin Vale

RTÉ Prime Time

Access All Areas

Isabel Perceval, Martin Vale, Eoin O'Connor

RTÉ Prime Time

Hate Crime - The Anthony Burke Interview

Paul Quinn & Oisín Moran

Virgin Media News

RTÉ Investigates: A Grave Infringement

Conor Ryan, Lydia Murphy, Matt Naughton, Dave Perry, Seán Mooney, Dave Phelan, Laura Dowling & David Doran

RTÉ

'We didn't really know what our rights were'

Mairead Twohig, Barry O'Mahony, Damien Sreenan & Katie O'Keeffe

Cork's 96FM & C103

Category 12 – Environmental Law/Climate Justice Reporting

Ireland's late submission of long-term climate strategy and EU's infringement proceedings in response

Lauren Boland

The Journal

Most 'alarming' environmental scandal in decades being overlooked, campaigners claim

Luke Butterly

The Detail

Climate change and the law

Fearghal O'Connor

Sunday Independent

Taking Charge of Coastal Change

Caroline O'Doherty

Irish Independent

Prime Time - Middleton Climate Attribution Report

Tara Peterman, Oonagh Smyth, Richard Downes, Jeanine Hurley,

Mark Siung & Michelle Spillane

RTÉ Prime Time

Not so fast: should Ireland roll out the red carpet for Chinese retailer Shein?

Laura Roddy
The Sunday Times Ireland

Unauthorised Peat Extraction

Niall Sargent
The Currency

Category 13 – International Justice Reporting

Runaway Joe

Pavel Barter, Tim Desmond & Liam O'Brien
RTÉ Documentary on One

To Live and Die in the West Bank: violence, settlements and the threat to the two-state solution in the wake of the Gaza War

Tony Connelly, Bram Verbeke, Samer Shalabi, Eimear Lowe & Nigel McCormack
RTÉ News

Detained in Iraq - A wife's fight to get her husband home

Nicole Gernon, Ronan McIntyre & Alvaro Valero
Virgin Media

Lawfare and rights violations during the Israel-Hamas war

Hannah McCarthy
The Irish Times

What is a war crime and is international law being broken in Israel and Gaza?

Stephen McDermott
The Journal

'I'm not stopping' – Mother of alleged Fr Michael Kelly abuse victim on her fight for justice

Tabitha Monahan
Irish Independent

Fleeing the horrors of war: A first-hand experience of the journey from Ukraine to Ireland

Daniel Murray
Business Post

Google forced to stop telling publishers about 'right to be forgotten' decisions

Shane Phelan
Irish Independent

The Galway man on a mission to expose the Jehovahs' deepest secrets

Barry J Whyte
Business Post

Temporary Protection Directive Investigation in Europe

Jade Wilson
The Irish Times

Category 14 – Newcomer of the Year

Amy Campbell
The Echo

Claire Henry
CCC.Nuacht (The Irish Times, Breaking News, Irish Mirror)

Mark Lynch
Radio Kerry

Dionne Meehan
Donegal News

Muiris O'Cearbhaill
The Journal

Patrick O'Donoghue
The Sunday Times Ireland

Jack White
Irish Examiner

Category 15 – Student Journalism

The realities of immigration: challenges and advocacy surrounding international protection applicants in Ireland

Caoimhe Looney
Student Independent News (SIN)

Boyle's Law: The Story of Kevin Boyle

Tom O'Connor
Flirt FM