

Biography:**Claire Loftus, Director of Public Prosecutions, Ireland**

Claire Loftus has been a prosecutor since 1993. She was appointed Chief Prosecution Solicitor in 2001, a senior management position in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) responsible for delivery of all solicitor operational services to the DPP nationwide. In 2009 she was appointed as Head of the Directing Division of the Office which is responsible for making prosecutorial decisions and directing proceedings.

She was appointed DPP in November 2011. Claire Loftus holds an MSc degree in Public Sector Management from Trinity College Dublin (2002) and a Higher Diploma in European Law from University College Dublin (1996)