Structure of the Civil Courts in Ireland

Supreme Court
The court of final appeal in civil matters.

Court of Appeal
Hears appeals from the High Court in civil cases.

High Court
Has full original jurisdiction.
Monetary claims should be in excess of €75,000 or €60,000 in personal injury cases.

Circuit Court
Limited and local jurisdiction.
Can hear claims up to €75,000 or €60,000 in personal injury cases.

District Court
Limited and local jurisdiction.
Can hear claims up to €15,000.

NOTE
An appeal from the Court of Appeal to the Supreme Court is only possible where the Supreme Court certifies the need for an appeal on a matter of general public importance or where an appeal is in the interests of public justice.

NOTE
It is possible to bring a ‘Leapfrog appeal’ where an appeal is brought straight to the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal is bypassed. This can only be done in exceptional circumstances where the Supreme Court gives permission. Permission will only be granted where the Supreme Court is satisfied that the matter is of general public importance or is in the interest of public justice.
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