

J.U.S.T.I.C.E. GUIDELINES

In addition to other practical measures such as conducting all PTI business in clear, common English (vs legalese for example) and producing rulings and findings that align expressly with written, positive law, the PTI asks all members to consider the following guidelines especially in their dealings with each other.

J = JUSTICE vs INJUSTICE: Although we do not 'practice law' the PTI deals with issues of law and with individual incidences of injustice. As such, anybody who has lodged a legitimate submission or application to the Panel can avail of the facilities of the Peoples Tribunal of Ireland.

U = UNITY & SOLIDARITY: Some of the agencies and institutions whose activities we are challenging are headed by some of the most influential and powerful people in Ireland. To a greater-or-lesser extent these people control law enforcement, the justice system and the media either directly or through indirect influence. This is why it can be so terribly frustrating for the individual citizen to make any headway when faced with collusion, corruption and cronyism amongst the protected elite. It is therefore very important that we (as a group or as individuals) do NOT give unscrupulous persons any ammunition by which to attack or discredit us. Our power lies in our unity as a cohesive, determined group of law-abiding persons who are only seeking our legitimate Constitutional rights under the Rule of Law, and we have to behave as such.

S = STEADFASTNESS & DETERMINATION: We are in this for the long haul folks! We have to be, because the injustices we are confronting are deeply embedded in State institutions, and those responsible are not simply going to roll over, apologise and go away just because we

are challenging and exposing them. An absolute determination and a faith in our legitimate cause is therefore key to our long-term success, as well as a planned, systematic and unified approach.

T = TRUTH & OBJECTIVITY: There are a range of outlets—including several online blogs—where wronged citizens can vent their anger and frustration, and name and shame the authority figures responsible for their travails. But if any given individual posts or publishes any inaccuracies, exaggerations or unsubstantiated allegations online or elsewhere, this opens the opportunity for counter-accusations of defamation / hate speech / harassment etc – such as those used by ONE solicitor to shut down the whole of the ‘www.rate-your-solicitor.com’ website through the Irish Courts. As a result, a very informative website containing many valid reports of serious impropriety by various ‘legal professionals’ was ‘lawfully’ removed from public access. This is also why the *mycasehistory* online facility being provided to PTI Members is owned and controlled by *you* and not by us. Each member is responsible for the contents, so *only that member* can be held accountable.

I = INTEGRITY & PROFESSIONALISM: The only way the Peoples Tribunal can function effectively on behalf of the people whilst maintaining the respect of objective observers is to be absolutely scrupulous in presenting a fair, reasonable and fact-based platform that is beyond direct criticism by those who would prefer that the truth be suppressed. So, we ask PTI members who wish to attend public functions (such as domestic Court hearings, or PTI public meetings or sittings) to show courtesy and respect for the authority figures, institutions and agencies we are dealing with – at least until such time as they demonstrate *at an individual level* that they are

undeserving of such respect. And even then, we must endeavour to maintain our own dignity and gain the respect of objective observers, or else risk being denounced as cranks and complainers, and thereby lose our hard-won popular support.

C = COMPASSION & CONSIDERATION: We also ask that PTI members show respect and support for each other – most especially at public events, at PTI meetings and at domestic Court appearances. Our strength lies in our unified position against corruption and criminality, not in differing opinions about the particular merits of each other’s positions, personalities or circumstances. We need to focus on the issues – and in particular, the terrible wrongs that have been done to fellow citizens. There is hardly a member of the PTI (or closely-affiliated groups) who has not suffered considerably at the hands of unscrupulous authority figures. The wounds inflicted by those experiences, be they physical, emotional or psychological, often run very deep, so it is important that we are compassionate, tolerant and supportive of each other, and that we keep our criticisms or any ‘unhelpful’ or divisive commentary to the minimum.

E = EFFECTIVE TACTICS: The Council members and Operations Officers who guide the activities of the PTI have invested a great deal of time and effort into developing processes and procedures that will be of genuine assistance to citizens who find themselves subject to unjust, illegal or prejudicial activities by compromised authority figures. Please respect those efforts and feel free to offer constructive criticism or suggestions where needed. But the key to success is that we all use these methods in a unified and determined way, trusting in the collective support of the PTI membership and the approval of all decent people.