

Press Release

**Successful Unlicensed Prosecution by the
Property Services Regulatory Authority**

Mr Richard Finn, t/a Martin Finn & Co Auctioneers and Insurances and / or Martin Finn & Co Auctioneers & Valuers, Dalton Street, Claremorris, Co. Mayo

On Thursday 19 September 2019, Mr Richard Finn, t/a Martin Finn & Co Auctioneers and Insurances and / or Martin Finn & Co Auctioneers & Valuers, was convicted at Castlebar District Court of a breach of Section 28 of the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011, following a prosecution by the Property Services Regulatory Authority (PSRA) for unlicensed trading.

Mr Richard Finn, t/a Martin Finn & Co Auctioneers and Insurances and / or Martin Finn & Co Auctioneers & Valuers, was convicted of an offence relating to the provision of property services on 8 November 2018 in circumstances where he was not at the time the holder of a licence. Mr Finn did not dispute the facts of the case and Judge Deirdre Gearty fined Mr Finn €500 and awarded costs of €2,500 to the PSRA.

The PSRA's Chief Executive, Ms Maeve Hogan, speaking following the court case said, "All property service providers – auctioneers, estate agents, letting and management agents are required to hold a licence issued by the PSRA. This successful prosecution demonstrates that the PSRA has zero tolerance for property service providers operating without a licence".

Any member of the public who has concerns about a property service provider operating without a licence should contact the PSRA at info@psr.ie."