



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

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Ms Beatrice Bolton

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

“After receiving a number of complaints about comments reportedly made by Ms Beatrice Bolton, a Circuit Judge, following her conviction under the Dangerous Dogs Act, the Office for Judicial Complaints investigated the matter in accordance with the Judicial Discipline (Prescribed Procedures) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The judge has, however, retired on medical grounds before the disciplinary process was formally concluded. As a result the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice have decided no further disciplinary action is required.”

Ms Bolton's retirement took effect from 1st January 2012.

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