



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

MRS ESTHER-LYNN CUNNINGHAM

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

“Mrs Esther-Lynn Cunningham, a Deputy District Judge on the Midland Circuit, has resigned. This follows an appearance before a Solicitors’ Disciplinary Tribunal hearing on 13 January 2009 when she admitted four charges of professional misconduct.

“A Deputy District Judge should notify the Lord Chief Justice of any complaint made against them by their professional body. Mrs Cunningham did not do so. Given her admission of professional misconduct and her failure to notify the Lord Chief Justice of the proceedings, the Lord Chief Justice and the Lord Chancellor had indicated their intention to remove Mrs Cunningham from her position as a Deputy District Judge. Following her resignation the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice have indicated that no further action is required.”

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