



# STATEMENT

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## STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

### MR DONALD THORPE

#### **A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:**

“Following a complaint about Mr Thorpe’s conduct in court a conduct investigation panel found that his behaviour was too combative and had fallen below the high standards expected of all magistrates. The investigation panel also found that Mr Thorpe’s actions following the incident in court were wholly inappropriate and demonstrated an absence of sound judgment. As a result, the Lord Chief Justice and the Lord Chancellor have decided to remove Mr Thorpe from the magistracy.”

**ENDS**

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