



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

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MR IAN LAWLESS

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

“Following a complaint about Mr Lawless, a conduct investigation panel found that Mr Lawless had acted in a way which fell short of the high standards of conduct expected of all magistrates. In particular, his request for a financial loan from a colleague and inappropriate comments made to a newly appointed member of the bench demonstrated a lack of sound judgment. In the light of these findings the Lord Chief Justice and the Lord Chancellor have decided to remove Mr Lawless from the magistracy.”

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