



# STATEMENT

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## STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

### MR MARIOS KOUSOULOU

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

“A Magistrate Mr Marios Kousoulou, who was appointed to the East Hertfordshire Bench in 1991, has resigned following an investigation into allegations that he misused his title as a Justice of Peace. In the light of the investigation, which found that his actions brought the Magistracy into disrepute the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice informed Mr Kousoulou that they considered his behaviour merited removal from office.

In accordance with the judicial discipline regulations, Mr Kousoulou was entitled to ask for their decision to be reviewed by an independent Review Body panel. He did so, however, Mr Kousoulou has resigned before the disciplinary process was formally concluded. His resignation took effect from 14 June 2011.”

**ENDS**

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