



Judicial Conduct
Investigations Office

STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

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Senior Master Steven Whitaker

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“A judicial investigation into the conduct of Senior Master Steven Whitaker has found that he made misleading entries in his Outlook diary with the intent to mislead anyone who might scrutinise the record. The Lord Chancellor and the Chancellor of the High Court (on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice) concluded that this behaviour amounted to serious misconduct and would have removed the Senior Master from office had he not voluntarily resigned.”

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