



Judicial Conduct  
Investigations Office

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# STATEMENT

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## STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

**Mrs Jane Bunting JP**

A spokesperson from the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

*“Mrs Jane Bunting JP, a magistrate appointed to the South Essex Bench, was subject to a judicial conduct investigation as a result of becoming too close to a difficult situation involving a friend and a case that was proceeding before Mrs Bunting’s own bench. The Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb, on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice considered that Mrs Bunting’s actions fell below the standard expected of a magistrate and have issued her with a formal warning”.*

**ENDS**

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