



Judicial Conduct
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STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

Her Honour Judge Karen Holt

A spokesperson from the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Her Honour Judge Karen Holt was the subject of a disciplinary investigation after she accessed digital records relating to a criminal case in which a family member was a potential witness. The judge also sent an email to the police, part of which risked being seen as an attempt to influence the conduct of the case. While accepting that the judge did not make improper use of the information she briefly viewed, and that her email had no influence on the case, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice concluded that Judge Holt’s actions amounted to serious misconduct and have reprimanded her.”

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