



Judicial Conduct
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STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

Mr Zahur Akhtar JP

A spokesperson from the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Zahur Akhtar, a magistrate on the Black Country bench, has been reprimanded after providing a character reference for a defendant in a criminal trial in which he referred to himself as a magistrate and gave the address of his court. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice concluded that Mr Akhtar’s actions amounted to misuse of his judicial status.”

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