



Judicial Conduct
Investigations Office

STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

Mr Paul Fisher JP

A spokesperson from the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

‘Mr Paul Fisher JP, a magistrate assigned to the South Essex Bench, has been subject to an investigation into his conduct. Mr Fisher made a social media post that strongly criticised the defendant in a high-profile court case, and he allowed the post to be shared more widely. Mr Fisher was not presiding in the case. The Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb DBE, on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice, concluded that, although Mr Fisher did not identify himself as a judicial officer-holder in the post, his actions risked damaging confidence in his impartiality and bringing the judiciary into disrepute. They have given Mr Fisher formal advice.’

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