



Judicial Conduct
Investigations Office

STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

Mr Derek Styles

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Derek Styles, who is a fee paid tribunal member of the First-tier Tribunal Health and Education and Social Care Chamber has been issued with a formal warning after he was found guilty of misconduct by the fitness to practise committee of the General Optical Council. The Senior President of Tribunals and the Lord Chancellor took into consideration that Mr Styles was not found to have been dishonest and did not have his fitness to practise certificate revoked. However, they considered that the finding of his professional body had the potential to affect Mr Styles’ reputation and standing as a member of the judiciary and, therefore, amounted to misconduct.”

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