STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

Mr Paul Latham JP

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Paul Latham JP, a magistrate from the Lancashire Bench, has received a formal warning after a disciplinary investigation found that he had failed to inform his bench chairman and justices’ clerk that he was a witness in a case due to be heard on the same bench. The Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb, on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice, concluded that Mr Latham’s behaviour fell below the high standards expected of a judicial office holder and amounted to misconduct.”

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