



# STATEMENT

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## STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

### MS IRIS JOSIAH

#### **A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:**

“Ms Josiah, a magistrate on the Enfield Division of the North West London Bench, has been removed from the magistracy following an independent investigation into her conduct. This investigation looked at a complaint by Ms Josiah’s landlord concerning the alleged non-payment of rent and misrepresentation of her role as a magistrate. It also examined Ms Josiah’s apparent failure to notify her bench of two separate court proceedings against her. Because of separate claims of bias made by Ms Josiah against her bench the investigation was undertaken by a conduct panel outside of her area. This panel found Ms Josiah’s conduct over a lengthy period of time fell below the standards expected of a magistrate and that she had failed to notify her bench of court proceedings. These findings have led the conduct panel to recommend the removal of Ms Josiah from the magistracy. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice have agreed with this recommendation and removed Ms Josiah from the bench.”

**ENDS**

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