



# STATEMENT

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## **STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS**

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### **MR MARK EVANS QC**

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

"Mr Mark Evans QC, a Recorder on the Wales and Chester Circuit, has been removed from his position as a Recorder after failing to inform the Lord Chancellor of various court and disciplinary proceedings against him. The particular findings against Mr Evans are:

- a) He failed to give notice of proceedings against him at Oxford County Court in April 2004 that resulted in a judgment critical of his conduct.
- b) He failed to declare that on 17 March 2008 he had admitted to two charges of professional misconduct at a Disciplinary Tribunal of the Council of the Inns of Court in relation to the proceedings at Oxford County Court. "
- c) He failed to declare that on 30 April 2009 he had admitted to a further two charges of professional misconduct in relation to a Bankruptcy Order made against him in the High Court on 2 June 2008.

A Recorder should notify the Lord Chancellor if they get into serious financial difficulties, if any complaint is made against them by their professional body and if they are involved, or likely to get involved, in any court proceedings. Given Mr Evans' failure to notify the Lord Chancellor of these various proceedings, the Lord Chief Justice and the Lord Chancellor have removed Mr Evans from his position as a Recorder."



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