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The Chief Justice said most complaints showed a 'misunderstanding' of the Judicial Council's conduct regime in its first full year of operation



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Only one of more than 230 complaints made last year to the [Judicial Council](#) alleging misconduct by judges was found to be admissible for consideration, its annual report for 2023 has disclosed.


The 12-member council's judicial conduct committee, comprising judges and lay members, will consider whether the complaint can be referred for resolution by informal means or for investigation by a panel of two judges and a lay member.

The Judicial Council Act prevents identification, at this stage of the process, of a judge who is the subject of a complaint.

The complaints and conduct regime began in October 2022. Last year was its first full year of operation. Complaints must apply to conduct from October 2022.

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