

**John Martin Gao**  
**Solicitor**  
**511125**

**Prosecution Date: 25 May 2017**

**Decision - Prosecution**

Outcome: Referral to Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

Outcome date: 25 May 2017

Published date: 6 December 2017

**Firm details**

**Firm or organisation at date of publication and at time of matters giving rise to outcome**

Name: First Choice Solicitors Ltd

Address(es): 298 High Street, London, W3 9BJ

Firm ID: 606136

**Outcome details**

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

**Reasons/basis**

**Outcome of SDT Hearing**

This notification relates to a Decision to prosecute before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. This is an independent Tribunal which reaches its own decision after considering all the evidence, including any evidence put forward by the Respondent. The Tribunal had certified that there was a case to answer.

The matter was heard on 18 and 19 December 2018.

Mr.Gao was Struck Off the Roll.

The SDT judgment will be available at [www.solicitorstribunal.org.uk](http://www.solicitorstribunal.org.uk)  
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The SDT's Order and Findings is subject to an Appeal to the High Court (Administrative Court) by Mr. Gao. The Order remains in force pending

the High Court's decision on the Appeal.

The appeal was heard at the High Court of Justice on the 26 June 2019 before Ms Justice Lang. The appeal was dismissed. The Order therefore remains in force.

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