

**Stuart Cottis**  
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**[Prosecution Date: 23 September 2024](#)**

**Decision - Prosecution**

Outcome: Referral to Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal

Outcome date: 23 September 2024

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**Firm details**

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

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Firm ID: 614486 & 383181

**Outcome details**

This outcome was reached by SRA decision.

**Reasons/basis**

This notification relates to a Decision to prosecute before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal. This is an independent Tribunal which will reach its own decision after considering all the evidence, including any evidence put forward by the Solicitor. The Tribunal has certified that there is a case to answer in respect of allegations which are or include the conviction at Southwark Crown Court for two offences of attempted sexual communication with a child, one offence of sexual communication with a child and two offences of arranging or facilitating the commission of a child sexual offence.

The allegations are subject to a Hearing before the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal and are as yet unproven.

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