

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails misusing the name of Amanda Holden and Carvers Solicitors**

25 April 2024

Emails have been sent to members of the public misusing the name of Amanda Holden and Carvers Solicitors. The fraudulent emails claim to have password-protected documents attached.

#### **What is the scam?**

The SRA has been informed that emails have been sent to members of the public misusing the name of Amanda Holden and Carvers Solicitors.

The fraudulent emails claim to have password protected documents attached.

The emails were sent from 'amanda.holden@carverlaws.com'.

The emails misuse the name of a genuine solicitor (see below).

The emails also misuse the name of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Any business or transactions through the email address 'amanda.holden@carverlaws.com' are not undertaken by an individual or firm of solicitors authorised and regulated by the SRA.

#### **Is there a genuine firm or person?**

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called The Wilkes Partnership LLP trading as Carvers Solicitors. The head office address for the genuine firm Carvers Solicitors is 866 Washwood Heath Road, Ward End, Birmingham B8 2NG. The email domain for the genuine firm is '@carverslaw.co.uk'.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Amanda Holden. Her SRA ID is 14478.

The genuine Amanda Holden and the genuine firm Carvers Solicitors have confirmed that they do not have any connection to the emails referred to in the above alert.

#### **What should I do?**

When a firm's or individual's identity has been copied exactly (or cloned), due diligence is necessary. If you receive correspondence claiming to be from the above firm(s) or individual(s), or information of a similar nature to that described, you should conduct your own due diligence by checking the authenticity of the correspondence by contacting the law firm directly by reliable and established means. You can contact the SRA to find out if individuals or firms are regulated and authorised by the SRA and verify an individual's or firm's practising details. Other verification methods, such as checking public records (e.g. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.