Alerts

Warning: Websites purporting to be genuine firms of solicitors and misusing the SRA ID of a genuine solicitor

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Multiple websites are operating and misusing a genuine solicitor's SRA ID to purport that these are firms of solicitors which are authorised and regulated by the SRA.

What is the scam?

The SRA has seen multiple websites which are operating and purporting to be websites for genuine firms of solicitors authorised and regulated by the SRA. The websites seen by the SRA all misuse the SRA ID of a genuine solicitor to claim the firms are authorised and regulated by the SRA.

The various websites seen by the SRA include:

- 'https://mit-lawyers.com'
- 'https://alhsolicitors.com/home/'
- 'https://jocgestion.com/home/'
- 'https://therebornsolicitors.com/wp/'
- 'https://juris-med.com/home/footer/'
- 'https://winterbordhardt.com/home-2/'
- 'https://kevintiley.org.uk/home'
- 'https://lplawyersfirm.com/'
- 'https://www.angulaco.com/home-03/'
- 'https://kelleyfirm.com/home/home-02/'
- 'https://www.daglaw.ca/'
- 'https://www.gettylawgroup.com/home/home-05'
- 'https://thecaselawyer.com/services/'
- 'https://dm-legal.co.uk/home/home-04'
- 'https://bigsamconnect.com/home/footer-home-02/'

The SRA have seen the following email addresses listed on these webpages which are purporting to be for genuine firms of solicitors:

- info@goldenblatt.co.uk
- office@goldenblatt.co.uk
- info@therebornsolicitors.com
- ceo@mit-lawyers.com
- info@kelleyfirm.com
- info@thecaselawyer.com



· info@daglaw.ca

The SRA have also seen an email sent to a genuine firm of solicitors from the following email address 'mpotemkin@mit-lawyers.com' purporting to be from Mikhail Potemkin from MIT Lawyers and asking the genuine firm for an 'Independent Legal Opinion' regarding trademark matters.

The following phone numbers are also listed on these websites which are purporting to be for genuine firms of solicitors: +1 800 643 4300, +1 800 643 5899, +1 347 273 4039, +2 167 174 5907, +3 572 662 2400, +1 972 850 0500, +1 888 772 2555, +44 208 255 9999.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate any of the firms associated with the listed websites (see above).

The SRA also does not authorise or regulate a solicitor by the name of Mikhail Potemkin.

Any business or transaction through the above websites, email addresses and telephone numbers is not undertaken by a firm or solicitor authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Arora Lodhi Heath, also known as ALH Solicitors. The genuine firm's website is 'www.alhsolicitors.com', and their genuine email address is 'info@alhsolicitors.com'. The genuine firm's phone number is 02089 939 995 and their registered head office address is 9 Market Place, Acton, London, W3 6QS.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Liam Anthony Hession, whose SRA ID is 669401.

The genuine Arora Lodhi Heath (ALH Solicitors) and the genuine Liam Anthony Hession have confirmed that they do not have any genuine connection to any of the websites, email addresses and telephone numbers 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.