

## Alerts

### **Warning: 'Lukas Malek' is claiming be a 'SRA Regulated Solicitor'**

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'Lukas Malek' is claiming be a 'SRA Regulated Solicitor' in relation to supposed recovery of funds involving 'fraud over the internet, investment and cryptocurrencies'.

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

The SRA has been informed that a member of the public has received a photo identity card of an individual called 'Lukas Malek' claiming to be a 'SRA Regulated Solicitor' in relation to recovery of funds involving 'fraud over the internet, investment and cryptocurrencies'.

The identity card misuses the SRA logo.

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a solicitor called 'Lukas Malek'.

#### **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.