

Alerts

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What is the scam?

Members of the public have received documents supposedly relating to 'Freezing a non-British Investment bank account'. We understand they relate to supposedly offering legal assistance to try to recover lost investment funds.

In some places the documents use the name 'Law Office UK Limited', but in other sections they misuse the name and SRA numbers of a genuine firm and a genuine solicitor (see below for details of the genuine firm and solicitor).

The documents also provide supposed contact details for the 'firm' of '90 Worship, London E85 5HQ' and a telephone number of '+442039897170'.

Any business or transaction through the correspondence, address and telephone number referred to above is not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a firm of solicitors called Law Offices UK Limited (which also trades as Wilsons Solicitors). The Firm has the SRA ID of 566410. The firm's head office is based at 52 Town Street, Farsley, Leeds LS28 5LD and the head office telephone number is 0113 236 2333.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Nabil Asaad, whose SRA ID is 540192 and who works for a different firm of solicitors.

Law Offices UK Limited and the genuine Nabil Asaad have both confirmed they do not have any genuine connection to the documents 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.

Related SRA scam alerts

- [Documents misusing the name Yasmeen Ghali and from 'Law Office UK Limited'](https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2022/nov/law-office-uk-limited/) (<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2022/nov/law-office-uk-limited/>)