

Alerts

Warning: Telephone calls falsely claiming to be a representative of First Dispute Management Limited

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What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that unsolicited telephone calls have been made to members of the public from someone purporting to be a representative from a genuine firm (see below). We are advised that the calls were made from the mobile numbers of '07706 113082' and '07946863122'.

The SRA has also been informed that a member of the public received a message via WhatsApp from an individual purporting to be from the genuine firm.

Any business or transaction through the mobile numbers of '07706 113082' and '07946863122' 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 genuine firm of solicitors called First Dispute Management Limited which also goes by the trading names of FDM, FDM Solicitors and National Claim Centre. The firm's telephone number is 03333601724.

The genuine firm of solicitors have confirmed that it has no connection to the mobile numbers of '07706 113082' and '07946863122', the WhatsApp message or the telephone calls referred to above.

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.