

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of The Waring Partnership LLP

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Emails have been sent from The Waring Partnership LLP.

What is the scam?

The SRA understands that emails have been sent to members of the public purportedly from a Fred Quinn purporting to be from a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The emails were in relation to bogus property transactions and used notepaper similar to the genuine firm's notepaper. However the contact details were changed to, telephone number '02380 841381', fax number '02380 841031' and mobile number '07870 162625'. The warnings on the footer were also removed.

The email domain used to send the emails was 'the-waringpartnership.com', which is similar to the genuine firm's (see below).

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a solicitor called Fred Quinn.

Any business or transactions through 'Fred Quinn', the domain 'the-waringpartnership.com' or the telephone number '02380 841381', fax number '02380 841031' and mobile number '07870 162625' 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 Waring Partnership LLP. The firm's genuine domain is 'the-waring-partnership.com' and its head office telephone number is 02380849381.

The genuine firm has confirmed that it does not employ an individual called 'Fred Quinn' and neither does it 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.