

## Alerts

### *Warning: Telephone calls misusing the name of Damian Plant and Damian J. Plant and Co*

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Telephone calls have been made by an individual misusing the names of 'Damian Plant' and 'Damian J. Plant and Co'.

#### *What is the scam?*

The SRA has been advised that telephone calls have been made by an individual falsely claiming to be a genuine solicitor from a genuine firm (see below).

The telephone calls have been in relation to the supposed recovery of outstanding debts and we have been informed that the caller often claims to be a High Court Enforcement Officer seeking to enforce a County Court Judgment.

We understand that the telephone calls have used the mobile number 07826462903.

Any business or transactions through the telephone number 07826462903 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 solicitor called Damian Plant, who works through the genuine firm of solicitors called Damian J. Plant and Co. The genuine telephone number for the firm is 01926 854677.

The genuine firm of Damian J. Plant and Co has confirmed that neither it, nor the genuine Damian Plant, have any connection with the telephone calls or mobile phone number 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.