

Alerts

Warning: Fraudulent individual purporting to be employed by CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP

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An individual by the name of 'David Cook' is purporting to be employed by CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP.

What is the scam?

An individual by the name of 'David Cook' is purporting to be employed by CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP in relation to a transaction concerning the management of a property. 'David Cook' requests a payment to be made in relation to the agreement and is using the email address 'david.cook@cmslaw.uk'. We have also been informed that 'David Cook' has used the email domain '@cmslegal.com' in correspondence.

Any business or transactions through the email address 'david.cook@cmslaw.uk' and email domain '@cmslegal.com' are 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 CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP. It is an international law firm with a head office at Cannon Place, 78 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AF. The genuine firm's email domain ends in @cms-cmno.com.

The genuine firm CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP has confirmed that it does not employ an individual by the name of 'David Cook' nor 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.