

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails misusing the name of Russell & Russell Solicitors LLP**

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Emails have been sent misusing the name of Russell & Russell Solicitors LLP.

#### **What is the scam?**

The SRA has been informed that emails have been sent misusing the name of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Emails purporting to be from the genuine firm of solicitors on behalf of music business clients have been sent to various companies, including notices of copyright infringement and use of intellectual property content. A link to 'view evidence document – detailed report (PDF)' is included.

The emails were sent from:

- 'reiconsgradba1985@gmail.com'
- 'compavila1977@gmail.com'
- 'brawpurmade1983@gmail.com'
- 'animencal1972@gmail.com'

Any business or transaction through the above email addresses is not undertaken by a firm or solicitor authorised and regulated by the SRA.

#### **Is there a genuine firm or person?**

The SRA authorises and regulates a firm of solicitors called Russell & Russell Solicitors LLP. Emails from the genuine firm use the domain '@russellrussell.co.uk'.

The genuine firm of Russell & Russell Solicitors LLP has confirmed it does not 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.