



Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of Richard Longton and The Miah Solicitors Limited

30 October 2023

Emails have been sent misusing the name of Richard Longton and The Miah Solicitors Limited in relation to a property transaction.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that emails have been sent misusing the name of Richard Longton and The Miah Solicitors Limited in relation to a property transaction.

The email address used to send the emails was 'richard.longton@miahsolicitors.com'.

The email misuses the name of a genuine firm of solicitors and the name of a genuine solicitor (see below).

Any business or transactions through the above email address of 'richard.longton@miahsolicitors.com' is 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 Miah Solicitors Limited. The genuine domain used by the firm is @miahsolicitors.co.uk.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Richard Longton who was the former Director at The Miah Solicitors Limited up until 14 October 2022. Richard Longton no longer has any connection to The Miah Solicitors Limited.

The genuine firm, The Miah Solicitors Limited and the genuine solicitor Richard Longton have confirmed that they do not have any connection with 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.