

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails claiming to be from 'Wilson & Bran Solicitors'**

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Emails sent to members of the public claiming to be from 'Wilson & Bran Solicitors'

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

The SRA has been advised that emails have been sent claiming to be from a firm of solicitors by the name 'Wilson & Bran Solicitors'.

The SRA has been informed that an email with the subject title 'New Shared Files' has been sent to a member of the public claiming to be from 'Wilson & Bran Solicitors' and that a further email in relation to a conveyancing transaction was sent to another member of the public. The SRA is informed that the second email contained an attachment of a contract.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm by the name of 'Wilson & Bran Solicitors'.

Any business or transaction through 'Wilson & Bran Solicitors' is not undertaken by a firm or solicitor authorised and regulated by the SRA.

#### **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.