

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails misusing the name of Diana Jane Sargent**

4 August 2023

An email has been sent misusing the name of Diana Jane Sargent in relation to claiming a refund from a Bitcoin mining pool investment.

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

The SRA has been advised that a member of the public has received an email from 'Diana Jane Sargent' in relation to a Bitcoin mining pool investment.

The email misuses the name and SRA ID of a genuine solicitor (see below).

The email was sent using an email address of 'diana.s@solicitorservices.com'.

The email provided a postal address of '125 Old Broad Street, EC2N 1AR'.

Any business or transaction through 'diana.s@solicitorservices.com' is 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 solicitor called Diana Jane Sargent whose SRA ID is 427635.

The genuine Diana Jane Sargent has confirmed that she 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.

## Related SRA scam alerts

- [Emails misusing the name of Lukas Hirst](https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2023/aug/lukas-hirst/)  
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