## **Alerts**

# Warning: Emails falsely claiming to be from Ramiro Andres Rodriguez Vergel

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Correspondence has been sent to a member of public misusing the name of Ramiro Andres Rodriguez Vergel

#### What is the scam?

An email has been sent falsely claiming to be from Ramiro Andres Rodriguez Vergel. The email was sent from the email address 'andres.rodriguez@ecb.ac'

Any business or transaction through the email address 'andres.rodriguez@ecb.ac' 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 solicitor called Ramiro Rodriguez Vergel, SRA ID 554485.

The genuine solicitor has confirmed that he has no connection to the email 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.