

## Alerts

### **Warning: Document misusing the name of McCormacks Law Limited**

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A document has been sent to a member of the public misusing the name of McCormacks Law Limited.

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

The SRA has been advised that a document has been sent to a member of the public from 'Barrester Aegeus Bemus' of 'Maccormacks law'. The document seen by the SRA advises the recipient that they have been left an inheritance in the sum of '2.5 Million Dollars' as the next of kin and beneficiary to the sum.

The SRA has also seen an identity card for 'Bemus Aegeus' claiming to be an 'SRA-regulated Solicitor' with the SRA ID '59674' and misusing the name of the genuine firm (see below) .

The SRA does not authorise or regulate an individual called 'Barrester Aegeus Bemus' or 'Bemus Aegeus' nor does it authorise or regulate a firm called 'Maccormacks law'.

Any business or transaction through 'Maccormacks law', 'Barrester Aegeus Bemus' or 'Bemus Aegeus' and the SRA ID '59674' 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 genuine firm of solicitors called McCormacks Law Limited who also trade using the names McCormacks Solicitors, McCormacks Law, Arrest Defence Service and McCormacks.

McCormacks Law Limited has confirmed that it has no connection to the document and identity card 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.