

Alerts

Warning: Correspondence from 'Shaikh Law Firm'

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Correspondence has been sent falsely claiming to be from Shaikh Law Firm/Shaiikh Solicitors and/or solicitor, Mohammed Abid.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that a third party has misused the name of Shaikh Solicitors/'Shaikh Law firm'.

The SRA has been advised of an Instagram account 'Shaikh Law firm', which customers are mistaking for genuine firm of SRA-regulated solicitors, Shaikh Solicitors (see below). The SRA has also been informed of customers viewing promotional material about investment schemes from 'Shaikh Law firm' and/or solicitor, 'Muhammed Abid'. The referred Instagram account and publications have not been provided/recovered.

'Shaikh Law firm' reportedly made contact via WhatsApp. Customers are reporting being contacted via a London-dial-code ('+442037698723') telephone number and/or email 'office@shaikhlaw-firm.com'

We are advised that endorsed 'Power of Attorney' documents seeking consent are then sent.

While the SRA ID number for this 'Shaikh Law firm' on the referred document correlates to a genuine firm of solicitors, Shaikh Solicitors, the letterhead contact information, website link and branding is inconsistent with the genuine firm.

We are also on notice of a photo 'ID card' with QR code in use. The surface of the ID card purports to relate to 'Muhammed Abid' of Shaikh Solicitors, quoting SRA No '429634'.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Shaikh Solicitors.

The genuine firm Shaikh Solicitors has confirmed that:

- no aspect of the chronology emanates from this firm.
- 'Shaikh Law Firm' is not an adopted trading style
- it does not currently advertise on Instagram



- it does not currently have a contact number (+442037698723) with London-dial-code

Shaikh Solicitors has confirmed that the referred 'photo ID card' associated with its firm is false and does not relate to its regulated solicitor, Mr Mohammed Abid.

Mohammed Abid (SRA No. 544005) is an SRA-regulated solicitor currently registered as employed at the genuine firm Shaikh Solicitors.

Mohammed Abid (SRA No 334070) is an SRA-regulated solicitor currently registered as employed at the genuine firm Good & Co Solicitors Ltd.

The SRA No '429634' relates to SRA-regulated solicitor Jamie Partington, currently registered as employed at the genuine firm Higgs LLP.

It should also be noted that 'ID cards' for solicitors or other regulated individuals are not an authorised/required means of identification under SRA Standards and Regulations.

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.