## **Alerts**

## Warning: Emails claiming to be from 'Mark Davis & Associate Chambers'

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Emails have been sent from 'Mark Davis & Associate Chambers' in relation to an investment transaction.

## What is the scam?

Emails have been received by a member of the public from 'Mark Davis & Associate Chambers' from an individual claiming to be a solicitor. The email relates to an investment transaction.

The email was sent using an email address of 'barrister.mdavis@lawyer.com' and provides a telephone number of '07467460214'.

The email misuses the name of a genuine solicitor, the profile of a genuine solicitor and the registered postal address of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm of solicitors called 'Mark Davis & Associate Chambers'.

Any business or transaction through 'Mark Davis & Associate Chambers' or the email address and telephone number above is not undertaken by an individual or firm of solicitors 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.