

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails misusing the name of Burges Salmon LLP**

9 January 2025

Emails have been sent misusing the name of Burges Salmon LLP in relation to supposed settlement of payment.

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

The SRA has been informed that emails have been sent from an individuals called 'Lorraine Aldersley' and 'Lorraine Creighton', claiming to be a 'Lawyer/Debt Collection Litigation Counsel' in relation to supposed settlement of payment.

The emails were sent using an email address of 'lorraine.aldersley@burges-salmonlaw.co.uk' and lorraine.creighton@burges-salmonslaw.co.uk. The emails provide the following phone number '02032879329'.

The emails misuse the name and registered branch address of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Any business or transaction through the above email address of 'lorraine.aldersley@burges-salmonlaw.co.uk' or lorraine.creighton@burges-salmonslaw.co.uk and the telephone number of 02032879329 are 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 firm of solicitors called Burges Salmon LLP. It has a branch office address at 6 New Street Square, London EC4A 3BF. The genuine telephone number is 0207 685 1200 and genuine email addresses used by the firm use the domain '@burges-salmon.com'.

Burges Salmon LLP have confirmed that they do not have any connection with the email to the above alert and does not employ a staff member called Lorraine Aldersley or Lorraine Creighton.

#### **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.