

Alerts

Warning: Emails falsely claiming to be from Geoffrey Leaver Solicitors LLP

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Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from Geoffrey Leaver Solicitors LLP.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The SRA understands that the email requested the recipient to make payment into an unconnected bank account.

The emails were sent from the domain '@geoffreyleavers.com'.

Any business or transaction through emails using the domain '@geoffreyleavers.com' is not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Geoffrey Leaver Solicitors LLP. The domain used by the genuine firm is '@geoffreyleaver.com'.

The genuine firm of Geoffrey Leaver Solicitors LLP has confirmed that it does not have any connection to the emails 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.