### **Alerts**

# Warning: Correspondence sent from website for 'Law Firm International'

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Correspondence has been sent from a website claiming to be for 'Law Firm International'.

#### What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that the website https://lawfirm-international.com was operating, purporting to be the website for 'Law Firm International'.

The SRA has been advised that the website provided the address details of 12 Tenby Avenue, Bolton, England, United Kingdom and telephone number / WhatsApp number of +441852375151. It also falsely claimed to have the SRA identification number 720542 and also falsely used the SRA digital badge.

The SRA has also been informed that correspondence was sent from 'Law Firm International' in respect of the recovery of previously lost funds. The SRA understands that the email addresses used to contact individuals were Legal@lawfirm-international.com and Complaint@lawfirm-international.com.

The SRA understands that emails were sent from individuals claimed to be solicitors called 'Mary Ann', 'Bryan Anderson', 'Mike Woods' and 'Zena Miles'.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm of solicitors called 'Law Firm International' with the SRA ID 720542, nor does it authorise or regulate solicitors called, Bryan Anderson or Zena Miles.

Any business or transactions through 'Law Firm International', Bryan Anderson, and Zena Miles are not undertaken by a solicitors' practice or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

## Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a number of solicitors called Michael Woods and a number of solicitors called Mary Ann, none of whom are believed to be connected to the website or correspondence 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 (eg. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.