

Alerts

Warning: Correspondence from 'Judge Legal Services'

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Correspondence has been received from 'Judge Legal Services' in relation to settlement of a claim.

What is the scam?

Telephone calls and emails have been made and sent to a member of the public claiming to be from 'Judge Legal Services'. The SRA has been advised the calls and correspondence advised the recipient that a claim he had brought against a company that had ceased trading was ready to be settled and asked for an 'upfront payment' of 15% of the claim.

The SRA has also been advised that the calls claimed to be from someone giving the name and SRA identification number of a genuine solicitor. The letter also misuses the postal address of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The letter provides an email address of 'judgelegalservices@gmail.com'. The SRA has also been advised that the telephone number '020 719 37026' was provided.

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a firm of solicitors called 'Judge Legal Services'.

Any business or transaction through the above contact details 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 two genuine solicitors called Mark Murray.

The SRA identification number of 536959 belongs to one of the genuine Mark Murrays, who is a non-practising solicitor.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Lemian and T Solicitors Limited, whose genuine head office address is First Floor, 85 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 7LT.

The genuine solicitors called Mark Murray have confirmed that they have no connection to 'Judge Legal Services' or the 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 (e.g. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.

Related SRA scam alerts

- [Correspondence from 'Owen Law Services'](https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2023/jan/correspondence-owen-law-services/)
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