



Alerts

Warning: Warning: Correspondence misusing the name of Sandra Monteiro and McBride Wilson & Co

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Letters are being sent from an individual purporting to be from a law firm called McBride Wilson & Co which also misuse the name of Sandra Monteiro in relation to an inheritance scam.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that letters have been sent to US Citizens from an individual falsely claiming to be from a law firm by the name of McBride Wilson & Co. The letters also misuse the name of a genuine solicitor (see genuine details below) and the name and address of a genuine firm (see genuine details below). The letters claim to relate to an inheritance scam.

The letters requested a response to be sent to the email address 'sm@mwilsonllp.com'. The telephone number provided in the letter was '+44 742 911 5177' and address was 'Queens Court, 55-56 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LJ United Kingdom'.

There is also a website operating at 'mwilsonllp.com'. The email address provided within the website is 'info@mwilsonllp.com' and telephone number '+44 1202 618945'. The website mentions a team of five individuals: 'McBride Wilson', 'Stephen Blake', Sandra Monteiro, 'Harry Blackwood' and 'Jim Sherwood'. It also mentions Sandra Monteiro and Jim Sherwood are associated of 'Henry Clark & Partners'.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate individual solicitors named 'McBride Wilson', 'Harry Blackwood' and 'Jim Sherwood' or a firm named 'Henry Clark & Partners'.

Any business or transaction through the above contact details or website 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 solicitor named Sandra Monteiro, with the genuine SRA ID of 447492.

We believe the genuine solicitor is not associated with the above matter.

The SRA previously authorised and regulated a genuine solicitor name Stephen Blake, who is no longer on the roll of solicitors.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors by the name of McBride Wilson & Co (SRA ID 58194). The genuine firm uses the email domain @mcbridewilson.co.uk. Its head office is Queens House, 55-56 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3LJ and contact number is 020 7242 1300.

The genuine firm has confirmed that it does not have any genuine 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.