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Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of LEXLAW

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A number of emails have been sent claiming to be from 'Jenny Snell' of LEXLAW in relation to a supposed unpaid invoice for legal fees.

What is the scam?

The SRA have seen emails purporting to be sent from an individual called 'Jenny Snell' of LEXLAW (please see below). The individual describes themselves as a 'Lawyer/ Debt Collection Litigation Counsel' and the emails were in relation to a supposed unpaid invoice.

The email misuses the name and address of a genuine firm (see below).

The emails were sent using the email address of 'jenny.snell@lexlaw-debt.info and provided a telephone number of '02032907833'

The SRA does not authorise or regulate an individual called 'Jenny Snell'.

Any business or transaction through the telephone number of '02032907833' and the email address of ''jenny.snell@lexlaw-debt.info' are not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA does authorise and regulate a genuine law firm called LEXLAW. The firm's head office address is 4 Middle Temple Lane, London EC4Y 9AA. Its genuine website is 'https://lexlaw.co.uk/' and its email domain is '@lexlaw.co.uk'.

LEXLAW has confirmed that it has no 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.