

## Alerts

# Warning: Website misusing the name of GC Business Lawyers Limited

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A website at 'www.gcbussiness.com' was operating and misusing the details of a genuine firm of solicitors, previously authorised by the SRA.

### What is the scam?

The SRA has been notified that two members of public have reported that they were contacted by someone called "Michael White" purportedly from GC Business Lawyers Limited (www.gcbussiness.com) in relation to the recovery of cryptocurrency funds.

GC Business Lawyers Limited [SRA ID: 597430] was a law firm previously authorised by the SRA which ceased trading on 1 October 2024 when it was acquired by MDLS Solicitors Limited, a law firm authorised by the SRA. The website 'www.gcbussiness.com' has been suspended and is no longer operating. GC Business Lawyers Limited has confirmed that the website is not operated by them, nor have they authorised the use of their name.

Any business or transaction through GC Business Lawyers Limited or through the website 'www.gcbussiness.com' is not undertaken by a firm or solicitor authorised and regulated by the SRA.

### Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a firm of solicitors called MDLS Solicitors Limited [SRA ID 598793]. MDLS Solicitors Limited have confirmed that they do not have any connection to the website, nor do they offer services in relation to cryptocurrencies.

### 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.