

# Alerts

## Warning: A website for 'William Walker Law Firm' misusing the photographs of genuine solicitors

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The website 'www.williamwalkerlawfirm.com' is operating.

#### What is the scam?

The website 'www.williamwalkerlawfirm.com' is operating. The website claims to be for a law firm called 'William Walker Law Firm', but it is misusing the photographs of various genuine solicitors (see below).

The website also claims to employ people called 'William D Walker', 'Amelia Fox', 'Ella Isabelle', 'Sienna Imogen', 'Mila Erin', 'Toby Jaxon', 'Maurice Fynn', 'Noah Brown' and 'Eleanor Lola'.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm of solicitors called 'William Walker Law Firm' nor does it employ solicitors called 'William D Walker', 'Amelia Fox', 'Ella Isabelle', 'Sienna Imogen', 'Mila Erin', 'Toby Jaxon', 'Maurice Fynn', 'Noah Brown' and 'Eleanor Lola'.

Any business or transactions through 'William Walker Law Firm', the individuals or the website referred to above, 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 genuine solicitors called Benedikte Malling Bech, Lesley King, Victoria Fletcher, Sarah Noake, Mark Sullivan, Alexander Blain and a number of solicitors called Helen Smith.

The genuine solicitors above whose photographs have been misused have confirmed that although their photographs have been misused on the website referred to in the above alert, they do not have any genuine connection to the website.

### 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**

• <u>A website for 'Handy Harris Law Firm' misusing the photographs of</u> <u>genuine solicitors [https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-</u> <u>alerts/2022/apr/handy-harris-law-firm/]</u>