

## Alerts

### Warning: Emails misusing the name of Mogers Drewett LLP

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Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from Mogers Drewett LLP providing supposed alternative bank details for a payment.

#### What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from 'Giles Griffiths' at Mogers Drewett LLP.

The emails claim to provide bank details for a proposed payment in relation to a property transaction.

The email seen by the SRA appears to be sent from the email address 'gilesgriffiths@mogerdrewett.com' and misuses the email signature and logo of a genuine firm of solicitors together with the telephone numbers for a genuine solicitor (see below).

Any business or transactions through the email address 'gilesgriffiths@mogerdrewett.com' are not undertaken by a solicitors' practice or an individual authorised or regulated by the SRA.

#### Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Mogers Drewett LLP. The genuine telephone number for the firm is 01935813691.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine individual called Mr Giles Griffiths who is employed at the genuine firm. His genuine email address is giles.griffiths@mogersdrewett.com and his genuine telephone numbers are 01749 835282, 01749 835282 and 07720 896074.

The genuine firm Mogers Drewett LLP confirms that neither the firm nor the genuine Mr Giles Griffiths employed by it has any genuine connection to the email 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.