

Alerts

Warning: Communications from 'Gustavo Mills' of 'Maesford Law Group' and 'Gustavo Mills LLP Solicitors & Advocates'

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Communications have been sent from 'Gustavo Mills' of 'Maesford Law Group' and 'Gustavo Mills LLP Solicitors & Advocates'

What is the scam?

A member of the public has been sent emails claiming to be from 'Gustavo Mills' of 'Maesford Law Group' and 'Gustavo Mills LLP Solicitors & Advocates' in relation to a supposedly large inheritance. The emails asks the recipient to pay an up-front processing fee and legal fees in order to receive the inheritance.

The SRA understands that the emails were sent using the email address 'infogustavomillsllp@gmail.com'

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a solicitor called 'Gustavo Mills' or firms called 'Maesford Law Group' or 'Gustavo Mills LLP Solicitors & Advocates'.

Any business or transactions through 'Gustavo Mills', 'Maesford Law Group', 'Gustavo Mills LLP Solicitors & Advocates', or the email address 'infogustavomillsllp@gmail.com' are not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

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.