

Alerts

Warning: Documents misusing the name and letterhead of Herrington Carmichael LLP

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Letters have been sent misusing the name, address and letterhead of Herrington Carmichael LLP.

What is the scam?

The SRA has seen documents using a fraudulent letterhead claiming to be from 'Hamish Rogers' of 'Herrington Carmichael' (see below in relation to the genuine firm).

The fraudulent letters seen by the SRA appear to relate to the repossession of a property on behalf of its landlord and makes threats toward the recipient of a High Court Order to vacate the property.

A following letter appears to be sent in relation to supposed workmanship conducted within the property.

The letter also provides a false telephone number of '+447368469355' and misuses the genuine address for 'Herrington Carmichael LLP' (see below).

Any business or transactions through 'Hamish Rogers' or telephone number '+447368469355' are not undertaken by a solicitors' practice or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA does not authorise and regulate any solicitor called 'Hamish Rogers'.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Herrington Carmichael LLP whose head office is at Building 2, Riverside Way, Watchmoor Park, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3YL. Its telephone number is 01276 686 222.

The genuine firm of Herrington Carmichael LLP has confirmed it has no connection to the letters 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 (eg. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.