

Alerts

Warning: Document and email misusing the name of Burges Salmon LLP

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A document and email have been sent misusing the name of Burges Salmon LLP.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that a document referred to as 'certificate of authorization' has been sent to a third party misusing the name of a genuine firm (see below). The document seen by the SRA provides confirmation to the third party that authorisation has been given by a genuine firm (see below) for it to sell products on a social media platform.

An email has also been sent to a member of the public from the email address 'burgessalmonllb1@gmail.com'. The recipient was advised that the sender had a business/investment opportunity for them and was asked to respond to the email if they were interested.

Any business or transaction through the email address 'burgessalmonllb1@gmail.com' 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 Burges Salmon LLP. The firm's genuine email domain ends in burges-salmon.com.

Burges Salmon LLP has confirmed that it does not have any connection to the document or 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.