

Alerts

Warning: Correspondence misusing the name of Kingsley Napley LLP

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Correspondence has been sent misusing the name of Kingsley Napley LLP.

What is the scam?

We have been notified that an individual has received correspondence falsely claiming to be from a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The document misuses the name and address of a genuine firm (see below) and requests payment of \$19,958 (USD) from the recipient for the release of funds invested in crypto transactions and trading companies that have since closed. The document is signed in the name of 'Jason Brown'.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Kingsley Napley LLP, whose head office address is 20 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4DN.

The SRA does not authorise and regulate any solicitor called 'Jason Brown'.

The genuine firm of Kingsley Napley LLP has confirmed that it does not have any connection to the correspondence 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.