



## Alerts

### **Warning: Website misusing the name of Jakub Kotan of Garner & Hancock Solicitors Ltd**

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The website <https://jakubkotanassociates.com/contact-us/> is operating and misusing the name of Jakub Kotan.

#### **What is the scam?**

The SRA have been informed of a potential scam that is targeting individuals in the United States which affects Jakub Kotan (see below). There is a website <https://jakubkotanassociates.com/contact-us/> using Jakub Kotan's name.

The genuine firm Garner & Hancock Solicitors Ltd have received several enquiries relating to Jakub Kotan suggesting that his identity is being misused. The SRA has seen a message that was received by the genuine firm (see details below) informing them that Jakub Kotan's identity is being used in a scam to solicit money from members of the public.

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

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Jakub Kotan (SRA ID (391179)). He works at a genuine firm of solicitors called Garner & Hancock Solicitors Ltd (SRA ID 628313), which is authorised and regulated by the SRA.

The genuine firm has confirmed that Jakub Kotan does not have any connection to the website of <https://jakubkotanassociates.com/contact-us/>

#### **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.

