## **Alerts**

# Warning: Emails sent misusing the name of Jane Brooks Law

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Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from Jane Brooks Law in relation to conveyancing payment details.

#### What is the scam?

Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from Jane Brooks Law, providing supposedly new payment details in relation to conveyancing matters.

The emails were sent using the email domain of '@janebrookslaw.com' (with '.com' being different to the emails of the genuine firm).

Within the footer of the emails they provide and misuse genuine contact details of the genuine firm (see below). However, in the main body of the email they provide the telephone number 01482 893066.

Any business or transactions through email addresses using the domain of '@janebrookslaw.com' or the telephone number 01482 893066 is not undertaken by a solicitors' practice or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

## Is there a genuine firm or person?

Brooks Law Limited, which trades as Jane Brooks Law, is a genuine law firm authorised and regulated by the SRA. The head office of Brooks Law Limited is at 13 St Augustine's Gate, Hedon, East Yorkshire, HU12 8EU and its contact number is 01482 893366.

Brooks Law Limited (trading as Jane Brooks Law) uses the email domain name of '@janebrookslaw.co.uk' (not '.com'). The genuine firm's website is janebrookslaw.co.uk.

Brooks Law Limited has confirmed that neither the firm nor their employees has a genuine and intended connection to the email 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 (eg. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.