

Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of TLT LLP

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Emails have been sent misusing the name of TLP LLP and Roger Clothier in relation to a supposed inheritance.

What is the scam?

Emails have been sent to members of the public falsely claiming to be from 'Roger Clothier' claiming to be 'legal counsel'. The emails advise the recipients that they are supposedly entitled to an unclaimed inheritance from the firm's deceased client, who is said to have had the same surname as the recipient.

The emails were sent using the email addresses of 'rogerclothier9@gmail.com', 'rogerfclothier@hotmail.com' and 'rogerclothier28@gmail.com'.

The email misuse the name and registered address of a genuine firm of solicitors and the name of a genuine solicitor (see below).

Any business or transaction undertaken through the email addresses of 'rogerclothier9@gmail.com', 'rogerfclothier@hotmail.com' and 'rogerclothier28@gmail.com' are not undertaken by a genuine solicitor or firm.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called TLT LLP, whose address is One Redcliff Street Bristol BS1 6TP.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Roger Clothier, whose genuine email is roger.clothier@tlt.com.

The genuine firm TLT LLP has confirmed that neither it nor the genuine Roger Clothier have any connection with the emails 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.