



## Alerts

### **Warning: Website called 'Patrick Boyd Law Group' misusing the name of Patrick Boyd**

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A website operating at <http://patrickboydlawgroup.com/> is misusing the name of Patrick Boyd.

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

The website at '<http://patrickboydlawgroup.com/>' is purporting to be a barristers' chambers called 'Patrick Boyd Law Group' and is misusing the name and profile of the genuine solicitors (see below).

The website provides an email address of 'patrickboydlawgroup01@gmail.com' and a telephone number of '+447477168094' as well as various other contact details.

Any business or transaction through the website '<http://patrickboydlawgroup.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 a genuine solicitor called Patrick Boyd who is a partner at a genuine firm of solicitors called Simmons & Simmons LLP. His genuine profile is at <https://www.simmons-simmons.com/en/people/ck0e7jpt3wf650b334zvpsl7/patrick-boyd>.

The SRA also authorises and regulates another genuine solicitor Patrick Boyd who is a partner at a genuine firm of solicitors called Saunders Roberts Solicitors, Evesham. His genuine profile is at <http://www.saundersroberts.co.uk/patrickboyd>.

Both of the genuine Patrick Boyd have confirmed they do not have any connection to the website 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.