## **Alerts**

# Warning: Domain misusing the name of F Barnes Solicitors Limited

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A domain name has been set up misusing the name of F Barnes Solicitors Limited.

### What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that a domain name of 'fbarnesromford.co.uk' has been set up, with the potential to misuse the name of F Barnes Solicitors Limited.

Any business or transaction through the domain 'fbarnesromford.co.uk' 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 firm of solicitors called F Barnes Solicitors Limited. The website is www.fbarnes.co.uk and the email domain ends with @fbarnes.co.uk

F Barnes Solicitors Limited has confirmed that they do not have any connection with the domain 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.