

Alerts

Warning: Fraudulent individual purporting to be employed by CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP

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An individual by the name of 'Victoria Smith' is purporting to be employed by CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP.

What is the scam?

An individual by the name of 'Victoria Smith' is purporting to be employed by CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP and is fraudulently offering to assist members of the public to release funds. 'Victoria Smith' is using the email domain victoria.smith.fx@gmail.com. 'Victoria Smith' advises Thomas Böhm would be assisting on the matter.

Any business or transactions through the email domain victoria.smith.fx@gmail.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 firm of solicitors called CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP. It is an international law firm with a head office at Cannon Place, 78 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AF. The genuine firm CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP's email domain ends in '@cms-cmno.com'.

The genuine firm of CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP has confirmed it does not employ an individual by the name of 'Victoria Smith' nor does it have any connection to the email domain victoria.smith.fx@gmail.com.

The genuine firm has confirmed that there is an individual by the name of Thomas Böhm who is a partner in the Vienna office of its associated member firm, CMS Reich-Rohrwig.

The genuine firm has confirmed that neither it, nor its genuine Thomas Böhm has any connection to the email 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.