## **Alerts**

# Warning: Website claiming to be for 'GG Criminal Solicitors'

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A website at 'ww.ggcriminalsolicitors.co.uk' is operating and falsely claiming to be for 'GG Criminal Solicitors'.

#### What is the scam?

The SRA has seen a website at 'www.ggcriminalsolicitors.co.uk' which is operating and falsely claiming to be for a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The website misuses the name of a genuine solicitor (see below) and also lists 'Devinte Minjesh', 'Jerome Plumber', and Martin McCree' as solicitors.

The email address provided is 'advice@ggcriminalsolicitors.co.uk', the telephone number is '020 3376 8293' and the postal address is '36 Lichfield Street, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 1TJ'.

A telephone call has also been made purporting to be from the genuine firm (see below).

Any business or transaction through the website 'advice@ggcriminalsolicitors.co.uk', the email address 'advice@ggcriminalsolicitors.co.uk', telephone number '020 3376 8293', or '36 Lichfield Street, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 1TJ' 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 firm of solicitors called GG Criminal Solicitors Ltd (SRA ID 8006879). Its head office address is 5H Townend House, Wisemore, Walsall, WS1 1NS.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a solicitor called Patrick Walsh who is not thought to have any connection to the scam referred to above.

The genuine firm of GG Criminal Solicitors Ltd has confirmed it has no connection to the website or telephone call 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.

#### **Related SRA scam alerts**

- <u>Emails and telephone calls misusing the name of GG Criminal Solicitors [https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/may/gg-criminal-solicitors/]</u>
- <u>Website misusing the name of GG Criminal Solicitors</u> [https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/mar/website-gg-criminal-solicitors/]