

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails and Whatsapp messages misusing the name of Jonathan Tickner**

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Emails and Whatsapp messages have been sent misusing the name of Jonathan Tickner.

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

The SRA has been advised that emails and Whatsapp messages have been sent falsely claiming to be from Jonathan Tickner. The emails were sent from 'support@nobel-trust.ltd'. The Whatsapp messages were sent from the telephone number +44 7309 927961. One of the Whatsapp messages contained an attachment which is a document written in Italian, claiming to be a guarantee, which falsely claims to have been signed by Jonathan Tickner.

Any business or transactions through 'support@nobel-trust.ltd' and telephone number of +44 7309 927961 is not undertaken by an individual or firm of solicitors authorised and regulated by the SRA.

#### **Is there a genuine firm or person?**

The SRA authorises a genuine solicitor called Jonathan Tickner, who is a partner at the genuine firm Peters & Peters Solicitors LLP.

The genuine firm has confirmed that neither it, nor its genuine Jonathan Tickner 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.