

Alerts

Warning: Correspondence and telephone calls misusing the name of Rifat Rashid

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Telephone calls have been made and a document has been sent misusing the name of Rifat Rashid in relation to a court claim.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that telephone calls have been made, and a document has been sent misusing the name and SRA number of a genuine solicitor (see below) in relation to a court claim alongside an identification card.

The document is dated 11 September 2025 and purports to relate to a court claim in the High Court between Wael Talaat Nazir Gendy and the UKSC – UK Securities Commission. The document bears the names of 'Mr John Edward' and 'Mr Rifat Rashid' who are referred to as solicitors. An identification card was also provided for the 'Al Haq Foundation Ltd' misusing the name of Rifat Rashid and employee ID 516494 (see below).

The telephone calls were made from '+44 7537 170460' which also has a WhatsApp business profile. The profile provides a link to a website at '<https://alhaq-firm.com/>' and a postal address of 'Flat 16 Anderton Court, Alexandra Park Road, London, England, N22 7BE'. The website mentions a founder and CEO of 'John Mehta' and a postal address of 'United Kingdom – Britain London – Leicester Street'.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate an individual named 'John Edward' or 'John Mehta'.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm named 'Al Haq Foundation Ltd'.

Any business or transaction through the above contact details or website 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 named Rifat Rashid (SRA ID 516494).

Rifat Rashid has confirmed that she does not have any connection to the document 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.