

Alerts

Warning: Website and correspondence claiming to be from 'Colvins Solicitors'

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The website 'www.colvinsolicitors.co.uk' is operating claiming to be 'Colvins Solicitors'.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that emails have been sent claiming to be Stephen Hall in relation to debt collection. Within the footer of the emails they advise that 'Colvins Solicitors is part of Colvins & Partners'.

The emails were sent from an email address 'Stephen.hall@colvinsolicitors.co.uk' claiming to be a 'Senior Solicitor' (see below).

A letter has also been sent claiming to be 'Stephen Hall of Colvins Solicitors'. Within the footer of the letter it misuses the name and SRA number of the genuine firm (see below).

The SRA has seen the website 'www.colvinsolicitors.co.uk' which is falsely claiming to be associated with Colvins & Partners (see below). The website advises members of the public that 'Colvins Solicitors is the trading style of Colvins & Partners'. The website provides a contact email address of 'support@colvinsolicitors.co.uk' and a telephone number of 01923 939 008.

The SRA has also been informed that a telephone call was made claiming to be 'Anthony Emmanuelle' a solicitor, from 'Colvins Solicitors'. The SRA does not authorise or regulate any genuine firms called 'Colvins Solicitors' or 'Colvins & Partners'. The SRA does not authorise or regulate any genuine solicitor called 'Anthony Emmanuelle'.

Any business or transaction through the above website and contact details is not undertaken by a solicitor authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Colvin & Partners. The firm's genuine contact number is 0208 952 7666 and the email address is colvin@colvinandpartners.com. The genuine website for the firm is www.colvinandpartners.com - however the firm's website is currently under construction.

The genuine firm has confirmed that it has no genuine connection to the correspondence or website referred to in the above alert.

The SRA authorises and regulates several genuine solicitors named Stephen Hall none of whom are believed to have any connection to the letter 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 (eg. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.

Related SRA scam alerts

- [Contact misusing the name of 'Colvin & Partners'](https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2023/aug/colvin-partners/)
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