



Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Elizabeth Jackson, Steve Bowers and Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

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Emails have been sent misusing the names 'Elizabeth Jackson' and 'Steve Bowers' and 'Herbert Smith Freehills LLP'.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from the genuine Managing Partner and the genuine Chief Financial Officer of 'Herbert Smith Freehills LLP' in relation to supposedly unpaid invoices (see below).

The emails were sent from the following email domains and email addresses:

- @herbertsmithlaw769.onmicrosoft.com
- @herbertsmithlaw738.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehillsLaw052.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehillsLaw935.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehillsLaw706.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehillsLLP613.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehillsLLP762.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehillsLaw262.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehills374.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehills936.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehills570.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehillsLaw700.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehills654.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehills504.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehills738.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehills184.onmicrosoft.com
- @HerbertSmithFreehills253.onmicrosoft.com
- @herbertfreehilladvocates.onmicrosoft.com
- @herbertfreehilladvocate.onmicrosoft.com
- @herbertsmithlegals.onmicrosoft.com
- @hsflawadvisory.onmicrosoft.com
- @herbertfreehilladvocates641.onmicrosoft.com
- @herbertsmithadv.onmicrosoft.com
- @herbertsmithfreeadv.onmicrosoft.com
- @herbertsmithlawadv.onmicrosoft.com
- @herbertsmithlwadv.onmicrosoft.com



- @HSFadvisories508.onmicrosoft.com
- @HSFadvisories.onmicrosoft.com
- @HSFadvisories.onmicrosoft.com
- @HSFadvisors.onmicrosoft.com
- @HSFadvisorsllp.onmicrosoft.com
- @hsfadlegals.onmicrosoft.com
- @Hsflegaluk.onmicrosoft.com
- payable.hsf@gmail.com
- libbyjackson.hsf@gmail.com
- paymenk.enquiry@gmail.com
- ac.paying@gmail.com
- accpayabls@gmail.com
- admaccpay@gmail.com
- asppcss@gmail.com
- willbandshershel@gmail.com
- paying.enq@gmail.com
- islammirajul521@gmail.com
- ascsp@gmail.com
- yviemk6@gmail.com
- @herbertsmithfreeadv.com
- @herbertsmithadvisories.com
- @frigorificoforres.com.ar
- ceo.info@o2.pl

Any business or transactions through the above email addresses 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 Herbert Smith Freehills LLP. The firm's email domain name is @hsf.com.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Elizabeth Jackson (also known as Libby Jackson) who is a Managing Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP.

The SRA authorises and regulates Steve Bowers who is Chief Financial Officer at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP.

The genuine firm and the genuine Elizabeth Jackson and Steve Bowers have confirmed they have no connection to the emails referred to in the alert above.

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.

More information

Update: 24 March 2025

The SRA has been advised that further emails have been sent misusing the names of Herbert Smith Freehills LLP and genuine individuals that work at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP.

The emails falsely claim to be from 'Elizabeth Jackson', 'Steve Bowers', 'Paul Lewis' and 'David John'.

The emails claim to be in relation to unpaid invoices, copyright infringements and cryptocurrency scams.

The emails were sent from the following email domains and email addresses:

- @hsfluk.onmicrosoft.com
- @herbert-smith-freehills.com
- andrehades@uol.com.br
- office.manager@o2.pl
- vpatriciaaon923@gmail.com
- amargaret4617@gmail.com
- pepriecaly1972@gmail.com
- paul@hsflaw-firm.com
- hamitlilla94@gmail.com

Any business or transactions through the above email addresses is not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

The SRA authorises and regulates genuine solicitors called Paul Lewis and Elizabeth Jackson (also known as Libby Jackson) who are Managing Partners at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called David John who is a Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP.

The SRA authorises and regulates Steve Bowers who is Chief Financial Officer at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP.

The genuine firm and the genuine Paul Lewis, Elizabeth Jackson, David John and Steve Bowers have confirmed they have no connection to the emails referred to in the alert above.

