

Alerts

Warning: Documents and emails from 'Katie Antonella Miller', 'Miller Antonella' and 'Antonella Miller'

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Fake documents and emails have been sent to a member of the public from 'Katie Antonella Miller', in relation to supposed recovery of previously lost funds.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that false or fake documents and emails have been sent to a member of the public from 'Katie Antonella Miller', 'Miller Antonella' and 'Antonella Miller' regarding a supposed legal matter.

We understand that the underlying matter related to supposedly helping a member of the public recover investment funds they had previously lost, providing what appears to be a fake High Court judgment signed by 'Miller Antonella' and asking for payment of fees in advance of release of any funds.

Correspondence seen by the SRA is from someone using the name 'Antonella Miller', being sent from the email address 'mantonella@crecmediations.com' and providing a telephone number of '+44 7367809164'. However, we are aware that the sender of the email also provided a fake practising certificate and a supposed copy of a passport to verify themselves. The fake practising certificate was provided in the name 'Katie Antonella Miller' and it misuses the SRA ID number of a genuine solicitor (see below).

Any business or transaction through an individual called 'Katie Antonella Miller' (or 'Miller Antonella' and 'Antonella Miller'), the email address 'mantonella@crecmediations.com' or the telephone number '+44 7367809164' is not undertaken by a solicitor or firm of solicitors authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a solicitor called Katie Miller, with SRA ID: 643041.

Katie Miller has confirmed she has no connection to the documents and emails referred to in the above alert, and the SRA has confirmed that she does not hold the name 'Antonella' as a middle name.

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.