

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of 'Firas Habib' and 'Foot Anstey LLP'

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Correspondence has been sent misusing the name of 'Firas Habib' and 'Foot Anstey LLP' in relation to obtaining investment funds.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been notified that a member of the public has been contacted by an individual purporting to be Firas Habib. It is understood that correspondence was sent in relation to obtaining overseas investment funds.

The SRA has

The contract provided the email address 'law.limited@aol.com' and telephone numbers '00447458148448' and '00442920026338'. It also gave the address for the genuine firm (see below).

Any business or transactions through the email address 'law.limited@aol.com' and telephone numbers '00447458148448' and '00442920026338' are not undertaken by a solicitors' practice or an individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Firas Habib whose SRA number is 645812.

The SRA also authorises a genuine firm of solicitors called Foot Anstey LLP whose head office address is Salt Quay House, 4 North East Quay, Sutton Harbour, Plymouth, PL4 0BN.

The genuine firm Foot Anstey LLP has confirmed that it does not have any connection to the scam referred to above, and it does not employ or have any connection to an individual called Firas Habib.

The genuine Firas Habib is not thought to have any connection to the scam referred to 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.

Related SRA scam alerts

- [Correspondence misusing the name of Firas Habib and Foot Anstey LLP](https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/feb/foot-anstey-llp/) [\[https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/feb/foot-anstey-llp/\]](https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/feb/foot-anstey-llp/)