

Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of RWK Goodman LLP

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Email has been sent falsely claiming to be from 'Freya Still' of RWK Goodman LLP.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that an email has been sent falsely claiming to be from 'Freya Still' of 'RWK Goodman LLP'.

The SRA understands that the email requested the recipient to make a payment to a different bank account.

The SRA has been advised that the email was sent from the email address 'Freya.still@RWKGoodma.com' (please note the missing 'n'). The same email had details of 'Yasmine Qasim' copied in using the email 'Yasmine.qasim@RWKGoodma.com' (again with an 'n' missing).

These emails misuse the name and details of a genuine firm of solicitors, and of genuine solicitors (see below for genuine details).

Any business or transactions through the emails 'Freya.still@RWKGoodma.com' and 'Yasmine.qasim@RWKGoodma.com' are not undertaken by a firm or an 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 RWK Goodman LLP. The firm's genuine email domain ends in @rwkgoodman.com.

The SRA also authorises and regulates genuine solicitors called Freya Still and Yasmine Qasim, who are both solicitors of the genuine firm of RWK Goodman LLP. Their genuine email addresses are 'Freya.still@RWKGoodman.com' and 'Yasmine.qasim@RWKGoodman.com'.

The genuine firm RWK Goodman LLP and genuine solicitors Freya Still and Yasmine Qasim have confirmed that they do not have any genuine and intended connection to the emails 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.