

## Alerts

### *Warning: Correspondences from 'Fast Track Reclaim in collaboration with Fast Track Solicitors'*

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Letters have been sent from 'Fast Track Reclaim in collaboration with Fast Track Solicitors Plevin Specialists' in relation to matters involving the Administration of Estates.

#### *What is the scam?*

The SRA have been informed that correspondences has been sent to several firms of solicitors purporting to from 'Fast Track Reclaim in collaboration with Fast Track Solicitors Plevin Specialists'.

The SRA understands that 'Fast Track Reclaim in collaboration with Fast Track Solicitors Plevin Specialists' is claiming to be a creditor of the estate of deceased individuals for whom firms of solicitors are acting.

The letter names the deceased individual as a creditor and provides an invoice for the allegedly outstanding amount, giving bank account details into which payment of the debt should be made. The correspondence provides an email address of 'support@fastrackreclaims.co.uk' and a postal address of 'Fast Track House, Pearson Way Thornaby, Stockton-on-tees TS17 6PT'.

The correspondence misuses the trading name of a genuine firm of solicitors.

Any business or transactions through 'Fast Track Reclaim in collaboration with Fast Track Solicitors' and the email address of 'support@fastrackreclaims.co.uk' is not undertaken by a solicitor's practice authorised and regulated by the SRA or by 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 Joseph James (LS) Limited trading as Fast Track Solicitors. The genuine firm is based at Challenge House, Sherwood Drive, Milton Keynes MK3 6DP. The genuine emails end with the domain name '@josephjameslaw.co.uk'.

The genuine firms Joseph James (LS) Limited has confirmed that they have no connection to the correspondence 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 (e.g. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.