

Alerts

Warning: A website is falsely operating, claiming to be a law firm named Elite Lawyers Group

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The website is operating, falsely claiming to be a law firm of the name Elite Lawyers Group.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that the website, 'http://elitelawyersgroup.com/' is operating, falsely claiming to be a law firm.

The website has copied the biographies of two partners at another law firm, changing the photograph, contact details, and name. The copied biographies are listed under the names 'Ivano Ricci' and 'Laura Parker'.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a firm of solicitors called Elite Lawyers Group.

The SRA does not authorise and regulate genuine solicitors called 'Ivano Ricci'. The two other named 'attorneys' listed on the website are also not regulated by the SRA.

The SRA does authorise and regulate genuine solicitors called Laura Parker, none of whom are registered at a firm with the name or trading identity of Elite Lawyers Group.

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.