

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Farrer & Co LLP

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Emails have been sent misusing the name of Grania Baird of Farrer & Co LLP.

What is the scam?

Emails have been sent to individuals falsely claiming to be from 'Grania Baird' of 'Farrer & Co' offering legal services to individuals involved in a bitcoin investment scheme scam called '24 news trade.'

The SRA understands that the emails were sent from the fraudulent email domain 'grania.baird@fca-org.support,' and that the false 'Grania Baird' has used the telephone number '+34 910034953.'

Any business or transactions through the above email address are 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 Farrer & Co LLP. The genuine firm's email domain is @farrer.co.uk. The genuine telephone number is 02033757000.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Grania Baird who is a Partner at Farrer & Co LLP. Her genuine e-mail address ends with the domain name: @farrer.co.uk.

The genuine firm of Farrer & Co LLP has confirmed that neither the firm nor Grania Baird have any connection to the emails referred to in the alert 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 Farrer & Co LLP
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