

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Optima Legal

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Emails have been sent misusing the name of Optima Legal.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that emails have been sent misusing the name of Optima Legal. The emails contain spam/advertisement links.

The emails appeared to be sent from 'contact@optimalegal.co.uk'.

Any business or transaction through 'contact@optimalegal.co.uk' is not undertaken by an individual or firm of solicitors authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Optima Legal. The genuine firm's email domain is @optimalegal.co.uk.

The genuine firm Optima Legal has confirmed that it does not have any genuine and intended connection to the emails referred to in the above alert and that the originating email sender IP address has been reported and taken down to prevent any further risk of misusing the Optima Legal brand.

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.