

Alerts

Warning: Correspondence from 'Baldwin Partners LLP' and an associated website

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A member of the public has been contacted by 'Harvey Baldwin' of 'Baldwin Partners LLP', regarding a supposedly unclaimed inheritance.

What is the scam?

A member of the public has been contacted by someone claiming to be 'Harvey Baldwin' of 'Baldwin Partners LLP', regarding a supposedly unclaimed inheritance.

Contact was made by letter and by email. The correspondence falsely claimed that 'Baldwin Partners LLP' is a law firm with offices in London and Manchester. The email address used was info@baldwinllp.com. There is also a connected website of www.baldwinllp.com, claiming to be for 'Baldwin Partners LLP'.

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a firm of solicitors called 'Baldwin Partners LLP' or an individual solicitor called 'Harvey Baldwin'.

Any business or transactions through 'Baldwin Partners LLP' or the website referred to above, are not undertaken by a solicitor's practice or by an individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA does authorise and regulate other genuine firms that use the name Baldwin (or Baldwins) within their name or trading name – none of whom are believed to be connected to the matters referred to in the above alert.

The website referred to in the above alert appears to misuse the images of multiple other genuine individuals, copied from another overseas website. These people are not believed to be connected to the matters 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.