

Alerts

Warning: Document misusing the SRA registration number of Rashed Hasan

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Documents purportedly signed and stamped by 'Rashed Nayef Hassan' in relation to a supposed transaction or claim

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that a document has been signed and stamped by an individual using the name 'Rashed Nayef Hassan', for the purpose of supposed certification of a translation into Arabic of a banking document from China.

The document and stamp misuse the SRA ID of a genuine solicitor (see below).

The SRA understands that telephone contact and messages were also provided to a member of the public from '+447828480634' and '+442035191742' and that the issues apparently related to a dispute regarding foreign exchange trading issues.

Any business undertaken through the above telephone numbers are not undertaken by a solicitor regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Rashed Hasan and his genuine SRA ID is 415847.

It is believed the genuine Rashed Hasan does not have any connection with the documents 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.