

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails misusing the name of Mancini Legal Limited**

17 January 2024

Emails have been sent misusing the name of Laura Brown and Mancini Legal Limited in relation to property purchases.

#### **What is the scam?**

The SRA has been advised that emails have been sent misusing the name of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The emails seen by the SRA were sent from the email address 'laura.brown@mancinilegallaw.xyz'. The emails relate to property purchases and transfer of funds and give the address, telephone number and website for the genuine firm (see below). One email also claims to provide bank account details for the recipient to pay deposit monies.

Any business or transactions through the email address 'laura.brown@mancinilegallaw.xyz' 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 Mancini Legal Limited whose head office is 42B Carfax, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1EQ and its genuine telephone number is 01403 337337. The genuine firm's email domain ends in '@mancinilegal.law'.

The SRA also regulates a genuine conveyancing assistant called Laura Brown as an employee of Mancini Legal Limited. Her genuine email address is laura.brown@mancinilegal.law.

The genuine firm has confirmed that neither it, nor its genuine Laura Brown has any connection to the emails 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.