

Alerts

Warning: SRA Practising Certificate misusing the SRA registration number of Timothy Molton

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SRA Practising Certificate in the name of 'James Evans' in relation to a supposed work visa.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that a member of the public received a counterfeit 'SRA Practising Certificate' for the year 2017-2022 in the name of 'James Evans', supported by an identity card in the name of James Evans Owens, for the purpose of a supposed employment visa application.

The counterfeit 'SRA Practising Certificate' misuses the SRA ID of a genuine solicitor (see below).

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Timothy Molton and his genuine SRA ID is 441800.

The SRA authorise and regulate several solicitors called James Evans and James Owen and does not authorise anyone called James Evans Owen.

The genuine Timothy Molton has confirmed he does not have any connection with the above alert.

It is believed none of the genuine solicitors James Evans or James Owen have any connection with 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.