

Alerts

Warning: Documents sent from 'Law Firm Solution[s] Limited' for the supposed recovery of lost investments

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Documents sent from 'Law Firm Solutions Limited' (or 'Law Firm Solution Limited') in relation to supposedly recovering funds lost in a previous investment.

What is the scam?

Documents and correspondence have been sent to a member of the public from an individual using the name 'Frank Webster' and claiming to be from a law firm using the name 'Law Firm Solutions Limited', or in some places 'Law Firm Solution Limited' and branded 'LF Solutions Limited'.

The documents seen by the SRA include an apparent contract for providing services which is written in Spanish and understood to relate to supposedly seeking the recovery of a previously lost investment, or compensation for the lost investment. The documents misuse the names and details of a genuine solicitor and other genuine companies, including some linked to genuine solicitors (see below).

Emails seen by the SRA appear to have been sent from email addresses 'info@lfsi.uk.com' and 'f.webster@lfsi.uk.com'. Telephone numbers '+44 208 0895481, +44 208 0893594, +44 203 8079414 and +44 7441 428650' were also provided along with links to the website address 'https://lfsi.uk.com/'.

The contract document provides an address of a serviced office building in London while the website 'https://lfsi.uk.com/' provides a different postal address of '85 Wigmore St, London W1U 1DL' and telephone number '+44 208 089 3594'.

The 'terms and conditions' on the website 'https://lfsi.uk.com' and a supposed 'Power of Attorney' provided to the recipient of the documents both also separately misuse the name and/or details of other genuine companies (see below).

The SRA does not authorise a firm of solicitors called 'Law Firm Solutions Limited', 'Law Firm Solution Limited' or 'LF Solutions Limited' (but see below).

The SRA understands that supposed contact details for 'Kate Rebecca Taylor' were also provided (see separate scam alert).

Any business or transactions through the website, contact details or documents referred to above are 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 solicitor called Frank Webster. His SRA identification number is 377492.

The genuine Frank Webster has confirmed he does not have any connection to the documents referred to in the alert above.

There is a genuine company called Law Firm Solutions Limited [Company Number 5722385], which trades as International Law Firm Solutions. The genuine company Law Firm Solutions Limited t/a International Law Firm Solutions has confirmed they have no connection to the above alert.

There is a genuine company called Solutions Law Limited [Company Number 10458862]. The genuine company Solutions Law Limited has confirmed they have no connection to the issues set out in the above alert, including the Power of Attorney referred to.

There is also a genuine company called Law Solutions Ltd [Company Number 10234819] which has also confirmed that it has no genuine connection to the website referred to in the above alert and its name and address has been misused on the terms and conditions.

The above three genuine companies are not authorised firms of solicitors but are companies that are operated by or have as directors a genuine practising or non-practising solicitor, none of whom are genuinely connected to the matters referred to in the above alert.

Also, there is a genuine company called LF Solutions Limited [Company Number: 08203435], which is understood to be involved in the construction and civil engineering industry and is not believed to have any connection to the documents or website 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.

Related SRA scam alerts

- Emails misusing the name of Kate Rebecca Taylor

[<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2022/july/kate-rebecca-taylor/>]