

# Alerts

## *Warning: Emails misusing the name of Hart Brown LLP*

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Emails using the domains "hartbrownco.uk" and "hatrbrownco.uk", misusing the name of Tamzin Mandelli of Hart Brown LLP

### *What is the scam?*

Emails falsely claiming to be from "Tamzin Mandelli" of Hart Brown LLP, using email addresses ending "@hartbrown.co.uk" and "@hatrbrown.co.uk", were received by third parties.

The emails seen by the SRA provide fraudulent banking information for payments to be sent to.

Any such emails misuse the names of a genuine solicitor and a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Any business or transactions through any email address using the domains "@hartbrown.co.uk" and "@hatrbrown.co.uk" are not undertaken by a solicitor's practice authorised and regulated by the SRA, or by an individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

### *Is there a genuine firm or person?*

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Hart Brown LLP, whose head office address is Resolution House, Riverview, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4UX. The head office telephone number is 01483 887766 and the firm's genuine website address is [www.hartbrown.co.uk](http://www.hartbrown.co.uk).

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Tamzin Mandelli, who is a partner at Hart Brown LLP.

The genuine firm uses email addresses with the domain name "hartbrown.co.uk".

The genuine firm of Hart Brown LLP has confirmed that neither the firm or the genuine Tamzin Mandelli have any genuine and intended connection to the emails referred to in the alert above.

### *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.