

# Alerts

## *Warning: A website is falsely operating, claiming to be a law firm named Kourtellos & Schultz Associates*

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### *What is the scam?*

The website '<https://kourtelloslawfirm.com>' is operating, falsely claiming to be a law firm called 'Kourtellos & Schultz Associates'. The SRA does not authorise and regulate a firm of solicitors called Kourtellos & Schultz Associates.

The website provides a contact number of +44 741 834 9851 and email addresses ending '@kourtelloslawfirm.com'. Otherwise it misuses the SRA ID number, address and Companies House number of a genuine firm of solicitors, and the names of two genuine solicitors (see below).

Any business or transaction through 'Kourtellos & Schultz Associates' is not undertaken by a solicitor's practice 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 by the name of Saracens Solicitors Ltd. Their website is [www.saracenssolicitors.co.uk](http://www.saracenssolicitors.co.uk) and their SRA number is 486657. Their Head Office is located at Strand Bridge House, 140 Strand, London WC2R 1HH and their company number is 6532280.

The SRA authorise and regulate genuine solicitors called Kunal Patel & Humairaa Khalik, who both work for Saracens Solicitors Ltd.

Saracens Solicitors Ltd has confirmed that neither the firm or its staff have any genuine and intended connection to the 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.