

Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of Cheshire Estate & Legal Limited (CEL Solicitors)

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An email has been sent misusing the name of Cheshire Estate & Legal Limited (CEL Solicitors)

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that an email has been sent from an individual called 'Adam Miller' falsely purporting to be from a genuine firm of solicitors in relation to recovering crypto transaction.

The email was sent using an email address of 'celsolicitors@europe.com'. The SRA understands a telephone numbers of '+44 1288 272854' was provided.

The email misuses the name, address, email and website address of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Any business or transactions through the above contact details 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 firm of solicitors called Cheshire Estate & Legal Limited trading as CEL based 12th Floor 20 Chapel Street Liverpool L3 9AG. The telephone number is 01519098212. The website is at www.celsolicitors.co.uk and the email domain used by the firm is @celsolicitors.co.uk.

The genuine firm of Cheshire Estate & Legal Limited has confirmed that they do not have connection with the email 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.