

Alerts

Warning: A website is falsely operating, claiming to be a law firm named Hawkins LLP

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Website currently operating, falsely claiming to be a law firm of the name Hawkins LLP

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that the website, 'https://www.hawkinsllp.com/index' is operating, falsely claiming to be a law firm.

The website gives the name of 'Clive Ronald Cartwright' and 'Philip Stephen Mann' as being partners. It also gives the telephone number +44 741 842 9457 and the email address info@hawkinsllp.com.

The website also uses (see below) the logo and the head office address of a genuine law firm.

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a firm of solicitors called Hawkins LLP, nor does it authorise and regulate solicitors called 'Clive Ronald Cartwright' and 'Philip Stephen Mann'

Any business or transactions through the website, email address and telephone number are not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA does authorise and regulate a genuine firm of solicitors called Hawkins Law Limited. The address for their head office is 448 Romford Road London, E7 8DF and its genuine telephone number is 0207 1777579. Their genuine email addresses end with the domain name '@hawkinslaw.co.uk' and its genuine website is www.hawkinslaw.co.uk.

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.