

## Alerts

# Warning: Telephone calls misusing the name of Saunders & Partners LLP

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Telephone calls have been made by someone misusing the name of Saunders & Partners LLP

#### What is the scam?

The SRA have been advised that telephone calls have been made by an individual falsely claiming to be a lawyer called 'Robert Collins' from 'Saunders Law'.

The telephone calls were in connection to a crypto currency matter.

### Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Saunders & Partners LLP, trading as Saunders. The genuine firm's telephone number is 0207 632 4300. The genuine firm confirmed that it does not employ an individual called Robert Collins.

The genuine firm has confirmed that it does not have any connection to the telephone calls referred to in the above alert.

The SRA authorises and regulates a number of genuine individuals called Robert Collins. It is believed that genuine individuals do not have any connection to the telephone calls 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.

#### **More information**



#### Update 9 April 2024

The SRA have been advised that telephone calls have been made from telephone number '07555761433' by an individual purporting to be a lawyer from the genuine firm of solicitors (please see above). The telephone calls were in relation to a cryptocurrency matter and calls were made from the telephone number are not associated with the genuine firm.

The SRA have also been advised that telephone calls have been made using other mobile phone numbers and an email had been sent from an individual purporting to be 'Noah Bennett' from Saunders Law. The email misuses the name and address of the genuine firm of solicitors and was sent from the email address of 'saunders@govsystems.info'.

The genuine firm Saunders & Partners LLP confirmed that it does not have any connection to the update referred to above.