Solicitors Regulation Authority

Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of 'Tania Zompi' at 'Gent Law'

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Email misusing the name of 'Gent Law' providing supposed alternative bank details for a payment.

What is the scam?

The SRA understands that an email has been sent falsely claiming to be from 'Tania Zompi' (genuine solicitor, see below) of 'Gent Law'

The SRA has been informed that the email provides false bank details for a proposed payment in relation to a property transaction.

The SRA has been informed that the email was sent from the email address 'Tania@gentlaws.co.uk' (with an incorrect 'laws' in the address), which however appears as 'Tania@gentlaw.co.uk' on screen. (Genuine address, see below)

The email seen by the SRA appears to misuse the name and telephone number for a genuine firm (see below)

Any business or transactions through the email address 'Tania@gentlaws.co.uk' is not undertaken by a solicitors' practice or an individual authorised or regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Gent Law Limited (SRA ID: 665184). The correct telephone number for the firm is 01782486700.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Tania Zompi who is employed by Gent Law Limtied. Tania Zompi's genuine email address is 'Tania@gentlaw.co.uk'

The genuine firm Gent Law Limited confirms that nor they or Tania Zompi have any genuine connection to 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.