

Alerts

Warning: The website "www/ghilsunlawchambersltd.com" and emails regarding an unclaimed inheritance

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Email from "Robert Andari" of "Ghilsun Law Chambers" in respect of an unclaimed inheritance, and the website "www/ghilsunlawchambersltd.com/"

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that a member of the public has received an email from an individual claiming to be "Robert Andari, Senior attorney in Ghilsun Law Chambers". We understand that the email related to a supposedly unclaimed inheritance and requested a response to the email address "attorneyrobertandari@gmail.com".

A website is also operating from the website address "https://ghilsunlawchambersltd.com/". The website falsely claims to be the website for a law firm based in Coventry, provides an email address of "clerks@ghilsunlawchambersltd.com" and the telephone number "44 871 358 1310". The website lists six "Attorneys", including a supposed "Robert Andari" and five others (see below for details of genuine solicitors' names misused). The website misuses photographs of several other genuine solicitors or barristers, as photos of the supposed "Attorneys".

The SRA does not currently authorise and regulate a firm called "Ghilsun Law Chambers" and any business or transaction through the website "https://ghilsunlawchambersltd.com/", or the email addresses and telephone numbers referred to above, are not undertaken by a firm that is authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA does authorise and regulate genuine solicitors called Robert Andari, Laura Alston and John Adams, none of whom are believed to have any genuine connection to the website and emails referred to in the above alert.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Suleza Qureshi, who is a director of the company Ghilsun Law Chambers Ltd. Ms Qureshi has confirmed to the SRA that her company is currently a dormant company, and that neither she or the company have any genuine and intended link to the website and emails referred to in the above alert.

None of the genuine solicitors or barristers whose photographs are misused on the website referred to in the above alert are believed to have any genuine connection to the website.

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.

