

## Alerts

### *Warning: Fax and website claiming to be for 'Kramar LLP'*

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A fax has been sent misusing the name of Lawrence Kramar

#### *What is the scam?*

The fax does however also misuse the genuine name and address of a genuine solicitor (see details below). It also gives the SRA number for a genuine firm of solicitors.

The website '<https://kramarllp.co>' is operating, falsely claiming to be for 'Kramar Law', with offices in Newport and Cardiff, covering a number of areas across the south of England. The website lists a number of solicitors which it claims are at 'Kramar LLP', including John Kramar and Arthur Kramar. It also provides the names of a number of genuine solicitors (see below).

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm called 'Kramar LLP', nor does it authorise and regulate solicitors called John Kramar or Arthur Kramar.

Any business or transaction through the above website address, email addresses or telephone number are not undertaken by a solicitor's practice authorised and regulated by the SRA or by an individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

#### *Is there a genuine firm or person?*

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine Solicitor called Mr Lawrence Kramar. His genuine SRA number is 149393.

The genuine Mr Kramar has confirmed that he has no association with 'kramarllp', nor the fax or website referred to in the above alert.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine firm of Solicitors called Harding Evans LLP, whose genuine SRA number is 419663.

The SRA also authorises and regulates solicitors called Jonathan Walsh, Naomi Bloom, Comfort Oladele, Alison Sutton-Mattocks, Gillian Tyndall and Katherine Vowden, none of whom are believed to have any genuine connection to the website referred to above. These individuals all work at Sutton-Mattocks & Co LLP, whose genuine SRA number is 488620. Its

genuine website appears to have been cloned by that mentioned above, save that certain information has been changed.

### *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.