

## Alerts

### *Warning: Correspondence from 'Pekar LLP'*

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A member of the public has been contacted by 'Pekar LLP', requesting they make contact in respect of an unclaimed inheritance.

#### *What is the scam?*

The SRA has been informed that an attempt was made by someone claiming to be from "Pekar LLP", to contact a member of the public in relation to an unclaimed inheritance.

It is unclear whether contact was made by telephone or in writing and no further details have been provided.

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a firm of solicitors called 'Pekar LLP'. Its website contains text which appears to have been lifted from a Barrister's Chambers website and contradictory information as to where it is based. It claims it is based in London yet refers to being the first law firm in Liverpool to achieve ISO 9001 certification.

Any business or transactions through 'Pekar LLP', or the contact details on its website, are not undertaken by a solicitor's practice or by an individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

#### *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.