

## Alerts

### *Warning: Bogus Website for 'Legal Protection Group Limited'*

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The website 'www.legalprotectiongroupplimited.com' is operating, falsely claiming to be offering legal services as 'Legal Protection Group Limited'.

#### *What is the scam?*

The website 'www.legalprotectiongroupplimited.com' is operating, falsely claiming to be for 'Legal Protection Group Limited' based in Bristol. The website provides the telephone number +44330433533, an email address of 'office@legalprotectiongroupplimited.com' and provides a postal address that is very similar to the address of a genuine company that employs several solicitors (see below). The address provided on the website does however provide the postcode of BS33 3OH, which does not seem to exist.

The website purports to offer various legal services and lists four solicitors supposedly working for them, none of whom appear to be genuine entries (see below). One of the solicitors listed is named Angelina Di Maria. The SRA does not authorise and regulate a solicitor called Angelina Di Maria or a firm of solicitors called "Legal Protection Group Limited" (but see below in relation to a genuine company of that name).

Any business or transaction through "www.legalprotectiongroupplimited.com" or the telephone number or email address above, is not undertaken by a solicitors' practice or by an individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

### *Update - 25 November 2021*

Members of the public have been contacted by telephone by 'Erika Jacobs' claiming to be employed as a lawyer by 'Legal Protection Group Limited'.

The genuine firm have confirmed they do not employ any individual named 'Erika Jacobs'.

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

There is a genuine company called Legal Protection Group Limited. It is a commercial company that is not regulated by the SRA, but it employs several solicitors who are regulated by the SRA.

The genuine company called Legal Protection Group Limited has a head office address of Unit 8 Pinkers Court, Briarland Office Park, Gloucester

Road, Rudgeway, Bristol, BS35 3QH. It has a genuine telephone number of 0333 700 1040 and its genuine website is [www.legalprotectiongroup.co.uk](http://www.legalprotectiongroup.co.uk).

The genuine company of Legal Protection Group Limited has confirmed that neither the company nor its staff has any genuine or intended connection to the website referred to in the above alert.

Of the other names claimed as supposed solicitors in the website warned of above, the SRA does authorise and regulate several genuine solicitors called Adam Freeman, Lucy Jackson or Richard / Patrick (possibly known as Rick) Smith. However, they are not employed by 'Legal Protection Group Limited' and are not believed to have any connection to the website 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.