

Alerts

Warning: Telephone calls claiming to be from "Michael King" of "Oracle Legal Limited"

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Individuals have been receiving unsolicited telephone calls claiming to be from a person by the name of "Michael King" at "Oracle Legal Limited."

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that individuals have received unsolicited telephone calls claiming to be from "Halifax" bank.

We have been notified that the caller informs individuals that they are owed monies in relation to PPI. The monies were to be given to the individuals through solicitors, "Oracle Legal Limited."

Individuals are then contacted by an international telephone number by a person by the name of "Michael King" claiming to be a solicitor working for "Oracle Legal Limited." "Michael King" informs the individuals that he is to receive a commission for the transaction and that he will collect it from the individual's home.

Any business or transactions made in connection with "Michael King" of "Oracle Legal Limited" are not undertaken by a solicitor's practice or by an individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a number of genuine solicitors named Michael King, none of whom are believed to be connected with the matters set out above. The SRA does not authorise and regulate a "Michael King" of "Oracle Legal Limited".

Oracle Legal Limited are not 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.