

Alerts

Warning: Document by TLT Solicitors

24 July 2020

An Affidavit of Claim has been sent, claiming to be from "attorney Carl Benny of TLT Solicitors and Associates"

What is the scam?

The SRA has seen an "Affidavit of Claim", also referred to as a "Statutory Declaration" claiming to be prepared by "Barr. Carl Benny", "legal representative and principal partner" of "TLT SOLICITORS AND ASSOCIATES"

The document seen by the SRA provides a postal address of "59 Lacino Drive Way, Iowa, United States of America", an email address of "tlt.solicitor@gmail.com", a telephone number of "+(1) 27 3997-0170" and a fax number of "+(1) 27 3997-0171".

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a firm of solicitors with the name "TLT Solicitors", "TLT SOLICITORS AND ASSOCIATES" nor does it authorise or regulate any solicitor with the name "Carl Benny".

Any business or transactions through a firm called ""TLT Solicitors" or "TLT SOLICITORS AND ASSOCIATES" or any of the contact details above 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 does authorise and regulate a genuine firm with the name TLT LLP. The head office of the genuine firm is at 1 Reddiff Street Bristol BS1 6TP. The telephone number is 0333 006 0000.

The genuine firm has confirmed that it does not have any connection to the document referred to in the above alert and that it does not employ anyone by the name of Carl Benny.

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.