

## Alerts

### *Warning: Correspondence misusing the name of The Barrington Law Partnership (and an associated website)*

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Correspondence has been sent misusing the contact details of The Barrington Law Partnership. A false website and LinkedIn profiles were also created.

#### *What is the scam?*

We understand that emails have been sent to members of the public from an 'Alexander Arnold', claiming to be a Managing Partner, and 'Andrew Riggins' claiming to be a Funds Manager at 'Barrington Law LLP'.

The emails seen by the SRA include ones with Non-disclosure Agreements attached to them and appear to relate to a supposed 'investment partnership' involving the management of a large amount of money. The email addresses used were 'alexanderarnold521@gmail.com' and 'Andrewriggins@barringtonllp.com'. A telephone number provided is '+442035145852'. The documents attached to the emails also misused the genuine firm's postal address (see below).

It is understood that the following website was also previously operating: <https://barringtonllp.com>. Screenshots seen by the SRA show that website also misusing the genuine firm's postal address - but providing a telephone number of 44 753 718 2890 and an email address of 'consultation@barringtonllp.com'. There were also social media accounts open for 'Alexander Arnold' and 'Barrington Law Firm LLP'.

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a firm of solicitors called 'Barrington Law Firm LLP' or individual solicitors called 'Alexander Arnold', or 'Andrew Riggins'.

Any business or transactions through the email addresses 'alexanderarnold521@gmail.com' and 'Andrewriggins@barringtonllp.com', the website '<https://barringtonllp.com>' or the telephone numbers set out above, are not undertaken by a solicitor's practice authorised and regulated by the SRA or by any individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

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

The SRA Authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called The Barrington Law Partnership, which also trades as Hodgson and Angus, and Anthony Walters and Company.

The genuine firm uses email addresses that end with the domain name '@barringtonlp.co.uk'. Its genuine postal address is Barrington Chambers, Victoria Avenue, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7JH, England'.

The genuine firm does not currently have a website for itself.

The genuine firm of The Barrington Law Partnership has confirmed that it does not have any genuine connection to the emails or 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.