

# Alerts

## *Warning: Email misusing the name of Kingsley Napley LLP*

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Email has been sent falsely claiming to be from Stephen Parkinson of Kingsley Napley LLP, in relation to an arrangement of a loan.

### *What is the scam?*

Email has been sent to a member of the public from an individual falsely claiming to be Stephen Parkinson of Kingsley Napley LLP. The email appears to relate to an arrangement of a loan and request confirmation of a payment being made.

The email was sent using the email address "stephenparkinsonuk@gmail.com" and provides contact telephone numbers of "+44 (0)20 7815 1268" and "+44 (0)20 3314 1900". The email also misuses the name, postal address and website address of a genuine firm of solicitors and the name of a genuine solicitor (see below).

Any business or transaction through the email address "stephenparkinsonuk@gmail.com", or through the telephone numbers set out above, is not undertaken by a firm 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 by the name of Kingsley Napley LLP whose head office is at Knights Quarter, 14 St John's Lane, London, EC1M 4AJ. The genuine website for the firm is [www.kingsleynapley.co.uk](http://www.kingsleynapley.co.uk). Their genuine head office contact number is +44 (0)20 7814 1200.

The SRA does authorise and regulate a genuine solicitor called Stephen Parkinson, who is a Partner at Kingsley Napley LLP.

Both Kingsley Napley LLP and the genuine Stephen Parkinson have confirmed they have no connection to the email 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.