

Alerts

Warning: Emails and documents misusing the details of Morrisons Solicitors LLP

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Emails and documents regarding a supposed inheritance, misusing the details of Morrisons Solicitors LLP

What is the scam?

An individual has received emails from an individual using the name 'Jonathan Markle', falsely claiming to be from Morrisons Solicitors (see below for details of the genuine firm). The emails appear to relate to a supposed large inheritance, but request payment of advance fees before the purported transaction can progress.

The emails were sent from the email address 'morrisonsolicitors@reprensentative.com' and provided the following contact numbers; '02073822100' and '07309526145'.

A document was also sent, titled 'Termination agreement'. The document appears to link a 'Jacob Moore' as being a signatory of the genuine firm, and misuses the name and office address of the genuine firm (see below).

The SRA does not authorise or regulate any genuine solicitors called 'Jonathan Markle' or 'Jacob Moore'.

Any business or transactions through the email address or phone numbers above, are not undertaken by a firm or 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 Morrisons Solicitors LLP (which also trades as Wheelers Solicitors and Harrops and Hepburn). Their head office address is Prospero, 73 London Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1LQ. The general email address for the genuine firm is: info@morrlaw.com

The genuine firm of Morrisons Solicitors LLP has confirmed that it has no connection to the emails or document referred to in the above alert, and it has not employed anyone called 'Jonathan Markle' or 'Jacob Moore

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.

Related SRA scam alerts

 Emails have been sent misusing the name of Heringtons LLP [https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2022/feb/heringtons-llp/]