

Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of Kayleigh Cullis of Clarke Willmott LLP

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An email has been sent using the domain that falsely claims to be from Kayleigh Cullis of Clarke Willmott LLP.

What is the scam?

An email has been sent falsely claiming to be from Kayleigh Cullis of Clarke Willmott LLP.

The email seen by the SRA provides bank account details that are not those of Clarke Willmott LLP. The email requests that the recipient send £5,000 to complete an agreement.

The email was sent from the email address 'kayleigh.cullis@clarkewillmott.corn' (please note the '.corn'. See below for genuine details).

Any business or transactions undertaken through the email address 'kayleigh.cullis@clarkewillmott.corn' (or any email using the domain '@clarkewillmott.corn'), 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 Clarke Willmott LLP. The firm's genuine email domain is @clarkewillmott.com.

The genuine firm has confirmed that it employs an individual called Kayleigh Cullis. Her genuine email address is kayleigh.cullis@clarkewillmott.com

The genuine firm has confirmed that neither the firm nor Kayleigh Cullis have any intended 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.