

Alerts

Warning: Documents signed and stamped by "Mr Hussien Ahmed", misusing an SRA registration number

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Documents signed and stamped by "Mr Hussien Ahmed", misusing the SRA ID (555576) of a genuine registered foreign lawyer.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that documents have been stamped by an individual using the name "Hussien Ahmed" on his stamp, for the purpose of supposed certification and legalisation of documents.

The stamp falsely claims to be on behalf of a registered foreign lawyer with an SRA registration number, and misuses the SRA ID of a genuine registered foreign lawyer (see below). The stamp also provides a telephone number of 07451 099965 and an email address of "hussein.solicitors@gmail.com".

The SRA does not authorise or regulate any solicitor or registered foreign lawyer called "Hussien Ahmed" (or any called "Hussein Ahmed").

Any business undertaken by "Hussien Ahmed" (or "Hussein Ahmed"), or through the phone number or email address set out above, are not undertaken by a solicitor or registered foreign lawyer authorised and regulated by the SRA (but see below in relation to a genuine firm with a very similar email address).

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine registered foreign lawyer called Hisham Ahmed, whose genuine SRA ID is 555576. The genuine Hisham Ahmed works as a Consultant for a genuine firm of solicitors called Newman Law LLP.

The genuine Hisham Ahmed has confirmed that he does not have any connection with the documents referred to in the above alert.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Hussein Solicitors, whose genuine email address is "husseinsolicitors@gmail.com" (with no full stop in the first section). This genuine firm has also confirmed they have no connection with the documents 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.