Alerts

Warning: Telephone calls claiming to be from 'Elizabeth Hartman' of 'CMS Legal LLP'

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Telephone calls have been made claiming to be from 'Elizabeth Hartman' of 'CMS Legal LLP'.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that telephone calls have been made claiming to be from 'Elizabeth Hartman' of 'CMS Legal LLP'.

The calls were in relation to the recovery of 'BTC assets'.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm of solicitors called 'CMS Legal LLP'.

Any business or transaction through 'CMS Legal LLP' is 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 called CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP. The genuine firm has confirmed that it has no connection to 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.