

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Osborne Clarke LLP

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Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from Osborne Clarke LLP purporting to be a warning regarding the violation of intellectual property rights.

What is the scam?

The SRA have seen a email that were sent to a member of the public purporting to be from a genuine firm of solicitors (see below) purporting to be a warning regarding the violation of intellectual property rights.

The email was sent using an email address of 'noreply@appsheet.com'. The SRA understands similar emails have been sent using Gmail email addresses as well.

The SRA understand that the emails are being sent to businesses that have seemingly re-posted a video that they have found on a publicly available social media platform.

The email provides a link. The concern is the link may contain malware.

The emails misuse the name and genuine contact details for a genuine firm of solicitors (see below)

Any business or transaction through the above email address 'noreply@appsheet.com' 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 firm of solicitors called Osborne Clarke LLP. The firm's head office address is 1 London Wall London EC2Y 5EB. They also have an office at 987 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

The firm's UK telephone number is 020 7105 7000. The genuine firm uses the domain @osborneclarke.com.

Osborne Clarke LLP has confirmed that it does not have any connection to the above emails.

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.