

Alerts

Warning: Telephone calls, WhatsApp messages and documents falsely claiming to be from 'Nabil Hashmi' and 'Alkindi Law Firm'

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Telephone calls, WhatsApp messages and documents have been sent falsely claiming to be from 'Nabil Hashmi' and 'Alkindi Law Firm' in relation to an alleged claim for compensation.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that a member of the public has received telephone calls and WhatsApp messages from an individual misusing the name and details of a genuine solicitor (see genuine details below). The telephone calls and WhatsApp messages relate to assisting the recipient with legal services in relation to an alleged 'claim for compensation'. The recipient was asked to make multiple payments in exchange for the legal services in connection with the supposed compensation claim.

The recipient was provided with a number of fraudulent documents namely, a forged Law Society Membership ID card, a Jordanian Passport, the front page of a High Court judgment, an Investor Certificate, a stamped agreement (in Arabic), and a bank transaction receipt relating to a supposed payment into the recipient's bank account. All documents are believed to be fraudulent.

The Law Society Membership ID card provides a postal address of '5 Brayford Square, London, United Kingdom' and a phone number '+ 44 2033 189 393'. The SRA has also been informed that the number '+44 7907 306000' was used to contact the recipient.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm of solicitors called 'Alkindi Law Firm' or 'Al Kindi Law Firm'.

Any business or transaction through the above phone numbers or 'Alkindi Law Firm' 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 solicitor called Nabil Hashmi, whose SRA ID is 589368. The genuine Nabil Hashmi is employed at the Technology Innovation Institute in Abu Dhabi.

The genuine solicitor Nabil Hashmi has confirmed that they have no connection to any of the details referred to in this 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.