

## Alerts

### **Warning: Email misusing the name of Irwin Mitchell LLP**

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An email has been sent misusing the name of Irwin Mitchell LLP in relation to a supposed defamation and libel claim.

#### **What is the scam?**

An email has been sent to a member of the public misusing the name of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The email seen by the SRA was sent from the email address 'irwinmitchell@consultant.com' with the subject line is 'Legal action for defamation'. The email instructs the recipient to immediately remove all false and defamatory statements, cease making further false allegations and provide a written retraction and apology, otherwise legal action will be taken. The email also misuses the address of a branch office in Nottingham for the genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Any business or transaction through the email address 'irwinmitchell@consultant.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 genuine firm of solicitors called Irwin Mitchell LLP. Its head office address is Riverside East, 2 Millsands, Sheffield, S3 8DT. One of its branch offices is located at 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Gate East, Tollhouse Hill, Nottingham, NG1 5FS.

Emails from the genuine firm use the domain '@IrwinMitchell.com'.

The genuine firm of Irwin Mitchell LLP has confirmed it has no connection to the email referred to above.

#### **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.