

## Alerts

### **Warning: Website for 'StevensAdvocateFirm' claiming to be a law firm**

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The website at 'www.stevensadvocatefirm.com' is operating and claiming to be a law firm.

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

The SRA has been informed that a website at 'www.stevensadvocatefirm.com' is operating and falsely claiming to be a law firm called 'StevensAdvocateFirm'.

The website provides a postal address of '160 Friar St, Reading, RG1 1HE, United Kingdom' and the telephone number '+44 7451 221207'.

The email addresses provided on the website are 'Michael@stevensadvocatefirm.com' and 'info@StevensAdvocateFirm.com'. The website names the purported founder of 'StevensAdvocateFirm' as 'Michael J Stevens'.

The website also misuses the name of a genuine practising solicitor (see below).

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm of solicitors called 'StevensAdvocateFirm' or an individual by the name of 'Michael J Stevens'.

Any business or transactions through the website or contact details set out above are not undertaken by a firm of solicitors authorised and regulated by the SRA.

#### **Is there a genuine firm or person?**

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine individual called Steven Jamie Gibson (SRA ID 435874).

The genuine Steven Gibson has confirmed that he does not have any connection to the website 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.