

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Christopher Lloyd-Smith of Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP

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Emails have been sent misusing the name of Christopher Lloyd-Smith of Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP in relation to supposed inheritances.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that emails have been sent to members of the public purporting to be from a genuine solicitor and genuine firm of solicitors (please see genuine details below).

The emails seen by the SRA relate to supposedly administering the estate of a deceased individual, with the recipients of the emails advised that they could be due to benefit from the estate as a potential relative. The emails misuse the name of a genuine solicitor, as well as the name of the firm of solicitors.

The emails have been sent from the following email addresses:

- christopherlee.smith@outlook.com
- christopher.l.smith.ac@gmail.com
- chris_lsmith.anthonycollins@outlook.com

Any business or transactions through the emails or email addresses described above 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 Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP. Genuine emails from the firm use the email domain '@anthonymcollins.com'.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Christopher Marc Lloyd-Smith, who is a Partner at Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP. The genuine details of Christopher Marc Lloyd-Smith can be located on the firm's genuine website www.anthonycollins.com.

Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP and Christopher Marc Lloyd-Smith have confirmed that they have no connection to the emails or email addresses referred to in 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.