

## Alerts

### **Warning: Correspondence misusing the name of Edmans & Co**

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Correspondence has been sent from 'Samuel Petersen' in respect of an inheritance matter, purporting to be an employee of Edmans & Co.

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

The SRA has been informed that correspondence has been sent from 'Samuel Petersen' regarding an inheritance matter, falsely purporting to be an employee of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The recipient was contacted from the email address 'samuelpetersenjr@gmail.com' and on the telephone number '+44 20 8040 3598'. The recipient also had contact with an individual associated with the matter on the telephone number '+44 7387 821438'.

The SRA has also seen a copy of a 'workers ID' as well as an 'eligibility card'. The supposed 'workers ID' described 'Samuel Petersen' as an 'attorney' of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The SRA does not issue either a 'workers ID' or an 'eligibility card'.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a solicitor by the name of 'Samuel Petersen'.

Any business or transaction through the above email address or telephone numbers is not undertaken by a firm or solicitor authorised and regulated by the SRA.

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

The SRA regulates a non-practising solicitor called Sam Peterson who has confirmed that they have no connection to the above matter.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Edmans Legal Ltd which trades as Edmans & Co. The genuine firm has confirmed that it has no connection to the above matter.

#### **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.