Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of Stewarts Law LLP

31 January 2025

An email has been sent to a member of the public misusing the name of Stewarts Law LLP in relation to a supposed inheritance matter.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that an email has been sent to a member of the public misusing the name of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below) in relation to a supposed inheritance matter.

The email seen by the SRA advises the recipient that they are listed as a beneficiary to a will/estate supposedly of a deceased client of the firm. The recipient is advised to acknowledge receipt of the email with their name, address and direct telephone number.

The email has been sent from 'John Cahill' (see below) who is described as a 'Managing Partner' of 'Stewart's Law LLP' (note the apostrophe in Stewarts) and provides an email address of 'cahilljohn784@gmail.com'.

Any business or transaction through the email address 'cahilljohn784@gmail.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 firm of solicitors called Stewarts Law LLP. Its head office is at 5 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3BF. The email domain used by the firm is @stewartslaw.com.

John Cahill was formerly a Managing Partner at Stewarts Law LLP and is now a Partner.

The genuine firm of Stewarts Law LLP has confirmed that neither it nor John Cahill, have any connection to the email 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.

Related SRA scam alerts

• Website and emails misusing the name of Stewarts Law LLP [https://referral.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/may/stewarts-law-llp/]

More information

Update 17 February 2025

We understand that an email has been sent from email address 'james@victronic.com.tw' in relation to the above matter. The email misused the details of a genuine solicitor (see above) via the sign-off used in the email.

Any business or transaction through the email address 'james@victronic.com.tw' is not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.