

## Alerts

### Warning: Correspondence from 'Corporate Intelligence Services'

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Correspondence has been sent falsely claiming to be from William Rees of 'Corporate Intelligence Services' in relation to a supposed insolvency matter.

#### What is the scam?

Correspondence has been sent misusing the name of genuine solicitors (see below) of 'Corporate Intelligence Services' in relation to a supposed insolvency matter.

The documents seen by the SRA advise the recipient that William Rees (see below) is a 'senior legal officer & solicitors agent' and provide the email address 'cis130@ymail.com' as well as the telephone contact numbers '+44 77526699039' and '+44 (0) 208144 5320'. A postal address of 'Suite 130, Whey House, 15 Church Street, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8NA' is also provided.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm of solicitors called 'Corporate Intelligence Services'.

Any business or transaction through the above contact details is not undertaken by a firm or solicitor authorised and regulated by the SRA.

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

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called William Rees who is a solicitor at Zaiwalla & Co Limited. The genuine William Rees has confirmed that he has no connection to the above matter.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called William Rees who is a solicitor at Reed Smith LLP. The genuine William Rees has confirmed that he 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.