

## Alerts

### **Warning: Website misusing the name of Russell-Cooke LLP**

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The website at 'www.grahmwhite.com' is operating misusing the name of Russell-Cooke LLP

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

The SRA has been informed that a website at 'www.grahmwhite.com' was falsely operating and misusing the name of a genuine firm and genuine individuals at that firm (see below).

The SRA has been informed that a member of the public was contacted several times by an unknown individual. During that contact, the member of the public was provided with the website of 'www.grahmwhite.com'. The SRA has been advised that the website included an 'Our People' section which listed profile images for several lawyers employed by the genuine firm. It is believed that the profile images had been taken from the genuine firm's website (see below).

The SRA understands that the website domain has now been suspended.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a genuine firm of solicitors called 'Grahm White'.

Any business or transaction through 'Grahm White' or the website 'www.grahmwhite.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 genuine firm of solicitors called Russell-Cooke LLP. The genuine firm uses the email domain @russell-cooke.co.uk and its genuine website is [www.russell-cooke.co.uk](http://www.russell-cooke.co.uk).

The genuine firm Russell-Cooke LLP has confirmed that they do not have any connection to the website 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.