

Alerts

Warning: 'General Solicitors Limited' falsely claiming to be a law firm and misusing the name of Yusuf Kilinc

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A letter has been sent purporting to be from 'General Solicitors Limited' misusing the name of Yusuf Kilinc.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that a company has received a letter falsely claiming to be from a law firm.

The letter seen by the SRA purports to have been 'prepared in the presence' of a genuine solicitor (see below).

The stamp used on the document provides the address '1 The Generals Walk Enfield EN3 6BX'.

The email address provided is 'govsolicitors@generalsolicitors.com'.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate a firm of solicitors called 'General Solicitors Limited'.

Any business or transaction through 'General Solicitors Limited', '1 The Generals Walk Enfield EN3 6BX', or the email address 'govsolicitors@generalsolicitors.com' is not undertaken by any individual or firm of solicitors authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Yusuf Kilinc.

Yusuf Kilinc set up a company called Generals Solicitors Limited on Companies House. However, it did not trade and remained a dormant company until it was dissolved in June 2023.

Yusuf Kilinc has confirmed he has no connection to the correspondence 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.