

## Alerts

### **Warning: Documents and correspondence from 'Ali Hasheem'**

17 January 2025

Documents have been sent claiming to be from 'Ali Hasheem', in relation to the supposed recovery of investment funds.

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

The SRA has been informed that documents have been sent from an individual called 'Ali Hasheem' claiming to be a 'solicitor' and/or 'lawyer' with the SRA ID: '0029RC3Q'.

The SRA has been provided with a copy of a supposed court order advising the recipient that the High Court of Justice had purportedly ruled that they are entitled to recover money in relation to a 'case regarding electronic fraud' and had been represented by 'Ali Hasheem'.

We understand that the recipient was also provided with photographs of a supposed driving licence for 'Ali Hasheem', and an identity card for the supposed 'Ali Hasheem' that provided the bogus SRA ID number of '0029RC3Q'. The SRA has also been provided with a copy of a document in Arabic, that we are advised is a Power of Attorney document connected to these issues, which has been signed and 'stamped' by 'Al Naser Law, 13503620, London - UK'.

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a solicitor by the name of 'Ali Hasheem' or a firm of solicitors by the name of 'Al Naser Law'.

Any business or transaction through an individual by the name of 'Ali Hasheem', the SRA ID: '0029RC3Q', or through 'Al Naser Law, 13503620, London - UK' is not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

#### **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.