



Alerts

Warning: Practising Certificate in the name of 'Peter Dickinson Leonard' misusing the SRA Number of Kamal Uddin Ali

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The SRA has seen a practising certificate in the name of 'Peter Dickinson Leonard' misusing the SRA Number of Kamal Uddin Ali.

What is the scam?

The SRA has seen a copy of practising certificate for the year 2024/2025 in the name of 'Peter Dickinson Leonard' and states 'is entitled to practise as a solicitor 25 years of practice'. The practicing certificate misuses the SRA Number of a genuine solicitor (see below).

Any business or transaction through 'Peter Dickinson Leonard' (313591) 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 solicitor named Kamal Uddin Ali whose SRA ID is 313591.

The genuine solicitor has confirmed that he has no connection to the email referred to in the above alert.

The SRA did authorise and regulate a genuine solicitor named Peter Leonard however he is no longer a practising solicitor and is believed to have no connection to the practising certificate 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.

