

Alerts

Warning: Invoice has been sent misusing the name of King & Spalding International LLP

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An invoice has been sent misusing the name of King & Spalding International LLP, regarding supposed legal advice for 'future investment opportunities'

What is the scam?

Emails have been sent, falsely chasing payment for supposedly overdue invoices from King & Spalding International LLP. The email attach false invoices.

The invoices were sent in relation to legal fees and misuse the name, logo and address of the genuine firm of solicitors, as well as the name and supposed signature of one of the firm's genuine partners (see below for genuine details).

The false invoices also provided details of bank accounts with Halifax and Revolut, which are not associated with the genuine firm of solicitors.

The SRA has been advised that the invoices were sent from the email address of 'info@debt collectionsoffices.com'.

Any business or transactions through the email address of 'info@debtcollectionsoffices.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 King & Spalding International LLP (trading as King & Spalding). The genuine firm's address is 8 Bishopgate, London, EC2N 4BQ and its genuine emails use the domain @KSLAW.com.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Thomas (Tom) Sprange K.C., who is a genuine partner at King & Spalding International LLP.

The genuine firm of King & Spalding International LLP has confirmed that neither the firm nor the genuine Tom Sprange K.C. have any genuine connection to the invoices referred to in the alert above.

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.