

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails misusing the name of Simmons & Simmons LLP**

13 December 2023

Emails have been sent misusing the name Emily Agnoli and Simmons & Simmons LLP in relation to a supposedly unpaid invoice.

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

Emails have been sent falsely claiming to from 'Simmons-Simmons' in relation to a supposed unpaid invoice. The emails were headed 'Unsettled Invoice'. The narrative on the forged invoices describes the legal services provided as 'Governance, risk and compliance, Global mobility policy, Value-building and succession planning'.

The emails misuse the name of genuine solicitor and a genuine firm of solicitors. (see below).

The emails were sent using an email address beginning 'emily.agnoli@' using the following domains:

- simmonsandlegals.onmicrosoft.com
- immonsandsimmonsllp.onmicrosoft.com
- immonsimmons.onmicrosoft.com
- immonsimmonsllp.onmicrosoft.com
- immonslaw924.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonslawllp.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonslaws.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonslawsllp.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonslegal278.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonsndsimmmonslegal.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonssimmon.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonssimmonLLP.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonslegallllp.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonsadvisorylaw.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonsadvisorylaws.onmicrosoft.com
- simmonslaw.co.uk
- simmons-simmos.com
- simmons-simmons.com
- simmonslegalllp.com
- simmons-simons.com

Any business or transaction through the email domain are not undertaken by a solicitors' practice or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

## **Is there a genuine firm or person?**

The SRA authorises and regulates a firm of solicitors called Simmons & Simmons LLP. The firm email domain ends with '@simmons-simmons.com'.

The SRA also authorises and regulates genuine solicitors called Emily Agnoli, who is Partner of the genuine firm of Simmons & Simmons LLP.

The genuine firm Simmons & Simmons LLP and the genuine solicitor Emily Agnoli have confirmed that they do not have any connection with the email 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.