

Alerts

Warning: Website and emails misusing the name of Hillcrest Solicitors & Associates

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The website at 'www.hillcrest-solicitors.com' is operating misusing the name of Hillcrest Solicitors & Associates.

What is the scam?

The website at 'www.hillcrest-solicitors.com' is operating misusing the name of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The website provides the address 'Heron House, 2A Heigham Rd, London E6 2JG'. The telephone number provides is '+44 770 119212' and the email address 'info@hillcrest-solicitors.com'.

The SRA has been advised that individuals have also been contacted by individuals called 'Mark Lanham' purporting to be a Barrister at 'Hilcrest Solicitors and Advocates', and 'Robert Leep' purporting to be a private solicitor at 'Hillcrest Solicitors & Associates Law firm' in relation to a supposed unclaimed inheritance. 'Mark Lanham' is understood to have provided the address 'Barbirolli Square, Manchester M2 3AB'.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate individuals called 'Mark Lanham' or 'Robert Leep', or firms called 'Hilcrest Solicitors and Advocates' or 'Hillcrest Solicitors & Associates Law firm'.

Any business or transactions through the website, telephone number or email addresses set out above are not undertaken by a firm of solicitors authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Hilcrest Solicitors GB Limited. Its address is 209A, Ilford Lane, IG1 2RU. Its genuine telephone numbers are 02089119169 and 02085144878. Emails from the genuine firm use the domains @hilcrestsolicitors.co.uk and @hilcrestsolicitors.com.

The genuine firm has confirmed it has no connection to the website and scam referred to 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.