

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails misusing the name of Travers Smith LLP**

14 January 2025

Emails have been sent misusing the name of Travers Smith LLP in relation to a supposed copyright infringement matter relating to the use of music works without authorisation.

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

Emails have been sent misusing the name of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below) in relation to a supposed copyright infringement matter relating to the use of music works without authorisation.

The email seen by the SRA claims that the recipient has used music owned by Travers Smith without authorisation. It advises the recipient to take certain specified actions within 7 days of the notice. The SRA has been informed that the email was sent from the email address 'esmiolrobertsbeif@gmail.com'. A PDF document titled 'Copyright Infringement Evidence - Images and Videos' was also attached to the email. A concern is that the PDF document may contain malware.

Any business or transaction through the email address 'esmiolrobertsbeif@gmail.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 firm of solicitors called Travers Smith LLP. The firm uses the email domain @traverssmith.com.

Travers Smith LLP has confirmed that it has no connection to the emails 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.

### **Related SRA scam alerts**

- <https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/baker-mckenzie-llp/> / <https://media.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/baker-mckenzie-llp/>