

DENTONS HONG KONG LLP**德同國際有限法律責任合夥****FRAUD ALERT**

As a prominent international law firm, we are occasionally targeted by individuals who misuse our brand name, as well as the names of our lawyers and employees, to carry out fraudulent activities via email, WhatsApp, WeChat, letters, websites, or social media.

Given the rise in fraud and scams, our firm's name, logo, and the names of our lawyers have been misused. Please be cautious of any communications claiming to represent our firm or our lawyers if they originate from seemingly illegitimate sources. Our lawyers primarily communicate with clients using their official office email addresses.

One of the most common methods of fraudulent communication involves the use of WhatsApp and WeChat, where scammers impersonate our firm by using our name or one of our business cards, and falsely claiming to be one of our lawyers. Please note that when our lawyers liaise with clients, they always use the firm's official email address. If you are unsure about a communication, do not use unverified phone numbers provided in messages.

When engaging a law firm or a solicitor, you may check if the law firm or the solicitor is genuine by verifying their practice via the information provided in the "Find Legal Service" section, "Arbitration Services" section or "Mediation Services" section of The Law Society of Hong Kong's website, as appropriate. You should also conduct your own due diligence by, for example, contacting the law firm or the solicitor as listed in the Law List directly by reliable means.

Fraudulent scams can take many forms. Below are some examples:

- **Unauthorised use of our firm's name, address, logo, photos, and profiles of our lawyers and employees by individuals falsely claiming to represent our firm.**
- **Attempts to create a false sense of urgency to pressure recipients into responding, often using fraudulent WhatsApp or WeChat accounts and messages.**

If you have any doubts regarding a contact claiming to be from our firm, you can verify their credentials with The Law Society of Hong Kong.

If you suspect financial fraud, please report it to your local police.