

Advisory on Scam Targeting Law Practices - 14 October 2014

The Law Society has received information of a possible scam targeting law practices. Some members have reported that they received telephone calls from overseas, purportedly from a firm called 'Snowden Executive Search' trying to obtain personal information. It appears that Snowden Executive Search (or SnowdenExec) and the name Anne Brown have been reported in a number of countries as trying to obtain details from people by pretending to be recruiters.

It is likely the scam involves the psychological manipulation of people with the objective of getting them to disclose personal or confidential information. Such information may be used for criminal purposes, e.g. to infiltrate computer networks or to steal money from the individual concerned.

Members are advised to remain vigilant and avoid providing personal and/or confidential information to an unknown individual without stringent checks. Members who receive telephone calls of a similar nature may report the matter to the Commercial Affairs Department (Mr Chew Jingwei at 6557 3735 (DID) or e-mail chew_jingwei@spf.gov.sg.)