

Scam E-mail Targeting Lawyers - 11 June 2012

The Law Society has been alerted about an e-mail scam targeting lawyers in Singapore. The e-mail is purportedly sent by one 'Liudmila Yuldasheva' seeking to retain the services of a lawyer in relation to the recovery of a sum of money under a Collaborative Law Agreement involving a divorce settlement.

Lawyers from other jurisdictions who have received similar e-mail scams have reportedly mentioned in online sources that the scam typically involves receipt of a cheque in settlement from the purported husband of 'Liudmila Yuldasheva' which will in the usual course be deposited in the lawyer's client account. After deducting legal fees, the lawyer sends the scammer the amount owing. The cheque will subsequently be found to bounce or turn out to be a fraudulent cheque.

Members who receive such an e-mail are advised to exercise due diligence.