

Legal Risk's New Move to tackle Bank Scams

News that the barristers' chambers headed by David Cameron's brother, Alexander Cameron QC, has been hit with a £150,000 email scam shows that even the most distinguished legal practices are not immune from attack. Many solicitors' firms are also continuing to be hit by the so-called Friday afternoon fraud, when many of these take place.

With this in mind, Legal Risk has launched a sequel to its popular online training course, Phishing for Trouble, used by many leading practices worldwide.

The latest course, Phishing for Trouble 2, like its predecessor, is designed to bring law firm staff up to date on the latest scams – including phone calls from people masquerading as a firm's bank, email and other internet scams.

Legal Risk partner Frank Maher commented: 'Many people have become complacent and think this problem has gone away. It hasn't. I know of one major insurer which has had three law firm claims of this type recently. You have to keep your staff constantly aware and up to date – the fact they did a course last year may not protect you today. People forget, and they may not even know the latest tricks the fraudsters are using. This latest online training only takes 15 minutes and we have kept to cost down so firms can afford to train all their staff.'

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Notes for Editors

1. Legal Risk is a law firm specialising in advice to professional firms on professional regulation and professional indemnity insurance. It is listed as a leading firm in Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners.
2. The Times reported on 4 October that a £150,000 scam had hit the chambers of Alexander Cameron QC. <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/huge-scam-hits-barristers-led-by-cameron-brother-nv6kg8dd0>
3. 'Phishing for Trouble 2' is an online course designed to be completed by all staff and educate them in the latest scams and how to protect themselves and the firm. It costs £15 plus VAT per head (minimum two users).
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