

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

UTS APPROVAL NUMBER HE-2026-0856 'Dementia-capable' webinars for legal professionals

WHO IS CONDUCTING THIS RESEARCH?

My name is Nola Ries and I am a Professor with the Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney (UTS). I am conducting this research with Karen Donner, a UTS researcher and lawyer.

WHAT IS THE RESEARCH ABOUT?

We are leading a project to deliver and evaluate a series of webinars designed to build 'dementia capability' for Australian legal practitioners and other professionals who assist clients with planning ahead. Building dementia capability across professions and workforces is a priority area in Australia's National Dementia Action Plan. The webinars cover the following topics:

- Dementia: Facts and Foundations
- Capacity and Supported Decision-Making
- Planning Ahead for Healthcare Decision-Making
- Enduring Powers of Attorney and Financial Abuse
- Dementia Capability for Early Career Lawyers

WHY HAVE I BEEN INVITED?

You have been invited because you are a legal practitioner with experience and / or interest in working with older clients and / or practice in wills and estate planning or elder law or otherwise have a professional interest in assisting clients seeking to plan ahead for loss of capacity.

FUNDING

Funding for this project has been received from the University of Technology Sydney.

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

You may attend a webinar without participating in this research. You should not complete any of the research activities listed below if you do not consent to participate in this research.

By participating in all or any of the research activities identified below, you consent to the research team collecting and using your responses for the research project.

WHAT DOES MY PARTICIPATION INVOLVE?

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete the following tasks in connection with each webinar you attend.

Pre-webinar survey: When you join the webinar you will be asked to complete a short survey (2 minutes) containing demographic questions.

In-webinar polls: During the webinar you will be asked to answer approximately 10 questions tailored to the webinar topic. These questions will ask about knowledge, attitudes and practice experience.

In-webinar chat: Any questions you ask or comments you enter in the online chat function during the webinar will be included in the research data.

Post-webinar survey: At the end of the webinar, you will be asked to complete a short survey (no more than 5 minutes) including questions about your satisfaction with the webinar and your learnings. We will also send you a link to this survey by email after the webinar in case you were not able to complete it at the end of the webinar.

All responses will be de-identified and aggregated.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS/INCONVENIENCE?

Yes, there are some risks/inconvenience. The inconvenience is that you will be asked to volunteer your time to take part in the research activities described above. You will be invited to share your views and experiences in relation to providing legal services or support for clients living with or at risk for dementia.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART IN THIS RESEARCH PROJECT?

Participation in this project is voluntary. It is completely up to you whether or not you decide to take part.

If you decide not to participate, or to withdraw from the project, it will not affect your relationship with the researchers or the University of Technology Sydney.

WHAT IF I WITHDRAW FROM THIS RESEARCH PROJECT?

If you agree to participate in this project, you can change your mind and request withdrawal of your responses without having to give a reason, by contacting Professor Nola Ries, nola.ries@uts.edu.au.

If you request to withdraw after we have de-identified and aggregated the response data, we will not be able to remove your responses. If you decide to leave the project, we will not contact you to collect additional personal information.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO INFORMATION ABOUT ME?

By participating the research activities, you consent to the research team collecting and using your responses for the research project. Responses will be de-identified and securely stored on UTS systems.

It is anticipated that the results of this research project will be published and/or presented in a variety of forums. In any publication and/or presentation, information will be provided in such a way that you cannot be identified.

We would like to store data from this project for future use in research projects that are an extension of this research project. In all instances, your information will be treated as confidential and stored securely.

Documents and files created for the purposes of this project will be stored in accordance with UTS policies and procedures. In accordance with relevant Australian and/or NSW Privacy laws, you have the right to request access to the information about you that is collected and stored by the research team. You also have the right to request that any information with which you disagree be corrected. Please inform the research team member named at the end of this document if you would like to access your information.

WHAT IF I HAVE ANY QUERIES OR CONCERNS?

If you have queries or concerns about this invitation, please feel free to contact me by email on nola.ries@uts.edu.au or by telephone: 0405 080 348.

You will be given a copy of this form to keep.

NOTE:

This study has been approved in line with the University of Technology Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee [UTS HREC] guidelines. If you have any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the conduct of this research that you wish to raise independently of the research team, please contact the Ethics Secretariat on ph.: +61 2 9514 2478 or email: Research.Ethics@uts.edu.au, and quote the UTS HREC reference number. Any matter raised will be treated confidentially, investigated and you will be informed of the outcome.

PARTICIPATION

Please confirm whether you would like to participate in this research by ticking yes or no below.

☐ Yes
☐ No