

School of Law and Justice
Academic Research Seminar presented by
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**Collaborative Practice in Wills and Estates: A Resolution-Focused
Approach to Conflict over Inheritance**



The Collaborative Practice model has been successfully implemented in family law in Australia for over a decade. It has been extended to the estate planning and contested estates realm in both the United States and United Kingdom. Collaborative Practice is now gaining traction in Australia in the wills and estates context as an avenue for families to reach a mutually beneficial compromise without the aggression and emotional toll of traditional court pathways. The non-confrontational nature of Collaborative Practice means that lawyers can work with each other in a respectful way to find positive solutions that satisfy the needs and interests of all parties. In this presentation, Kiri will provide an engaging introduction to the Collaborative Practice model in the Australian wills and estates context as an alternative to litigation and traditional lawyer-led alternative dispute resolution methods.

Kiri Edyvean-Rouhan has practised exclusively in Wills, Estates and Elder Law in the Toowoomba and Darling Downs region for the last 13 years. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) from Queensland University of Technology and in 2022 completed her Master of Laws (Applied Law) majoring in Wills and Estates. Kiri is one of only three Registered Trusts and Estates Practitioners in the Darling Downs region recognised by the international Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). She was the first lawyer in Toowoomba to become accredited as a Collaborative Practitioner in Wills and Estates. Kiri is a past committee member of the Downs and South West Queensland Law Association and is the current Toowoomba & Darling Downs delegate for the Wills & Estates sub-committee of the Queensland Association of Collaborative Practitioners.

- Date and Time:** Wednesday 27 March 2024, 12:30pm to 1:30pm (AEST)
- Location:** UniSQ Toowoomba Campus (Q402), Ipswich Campus (T108) and Online via Zoom
- Zoom:** Zoom ID: 865 9143 5840
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- RSVP:** Please register via [this link](#) by Tuesday 26 March 2024

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