



## About These Webinars

A safeguard is a measure taken to protect someone or something or to prevent something undesirable happening. For example, if you run a business, you might develop a succession plan to safeguard it when you're no longer able.

People with an intellectual disability often rely on family, friends or advocates to provide safeguards around their quality of life and prevent bad things from happening, especially when they have difficulty communicating.

This task can be difficult when the challenge becomes future oriented rather than reacting to what arises. For example, safeguarding the person's vision for a full, meaningful and inclusive life when a parent is no longer able due to ill health, or dies. This is often a fundamental concern for families and advocates but there are things that can be intentionally put into place to enable people with intellectual disability to continue to have access to the good things in life.

Over 2 sessions, these webinars will address a range of proactive, effective and creative safeguarding strategies for the future, together with more formal means such as wills and estate planning.

## Who are these webinars for?

These webinars are primarily for advocates of people with intellectual disability or families who have sons and daughters with intellectual disability.

## Cost

Free

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## Guest Speakers



**Jeremy Ward (Session 1)** is a parent from Brisbane, whose eldest daughter, Mena, lived with disability and required support to live in her own home, which she did successfully for over 10 years. His older sister also lived with a significant disability all her life. He has many years' experience in disability advocacy, in the law as it relates to people with disabilities, and in assisting families to plan for the future. The Shouted Goodbye, Jeremy's account of Mena's life, was published in 2015.

In this session Jeremy will address a range of proactive, effective and important strategies for safeguarding the future.



**Margaret Duncan (Session 2)** is a Principal Lawyer at Duncan Legal, in Camberwell, Victoria. She is a mother of three children. Through Margaret's lived experience of raising a son with Autism, her sensitivity and dedication provides people with peace of mind. It is through this work that she enables people to feel relaxed and comfortable in making difficult decisions about death, illness, injury, and disability.

In this session, Margaret will discuss the vital role wills, estate planning and supported decision making can play in providing an important safeguard for the future.

## Book Your Tickets

### Session 1: Jeremy Ward

**Date: 18th of August 2020, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm via Zoom AEST**  
Zoom Meeting opens at 10.15 am, session starts promptly at 10.30 am.

[Session 1 - Register for this Webinar](#)

### Session 2: Margaret Duncan

**(Some legal information relevant to Victorian residents only, please seek advice from your residing State's laws on estate planning)**

**Date: 25th of August, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm via Zoom AEST**  
Zoom Meeting opens at 10.15 pm, session starts promptly at 10.30 am.

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