

## Who are SFE?

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**SFE (Solicitors for the Elderly) was set up in 1996 and set out to be a specialist group of lawyers to support and make a difference to older and vulnerable people. (By vulnerable we mean people who may not be able bodied and/or who may be mentality incapacitated i.e. they need help to make decisions or they can't make decisions for themselves.)**

SFE is now a national organisation with over 1600 members across the United Kingdom and a separate group in the Republic of Ireland, all of whom are fully committed to our ethos.

We support our members by providing them with expert training and best practice: keep them up to date with any market developments; promote them through our website and press coverage; help them to help each other through our members advice forum as well as running national and regional events and keeping them up to date with the latest case law related to older clients.

We speak out in the press on behalf of our members about any proposed changes and developments which we believe will adversely affect older clients.

We also work hard behind the scenes with various government, legal bodies and other organisations to ensure our voice and the voice of older people is heard.

Only a very select group of people can become members of SFE. They must be fully qualified, regulated and insured Solicitors, Barristers or Chartered Legal Executives and they must spend at least 50% of their time working with older and vulnerable clients.

**SFE is a community of trusted advisers – professionally highly qualified and regulated and who also have additional skills to enable them to work with older and vulnerable clients.**