**ER5 – Specimen Informed Consent Form**

This is a specimen informed consent form. You may use this form as a guide for drawing up the consent form for your own study. You must obtain consent prior to conducting any research with human participants. You will be required to keep the completed consent forms securely, and present them for academic scrutiny if required.

**[Title of your study]**

I agree to take part in the above University of Law research study. I have had the study explained to me and I have read the Explanatory Statement, which I may keep for my records. I understand that agreeing to take part means that I am willing to:

• be [interviewed/observed etc.] by the researcher [and allow the interview to be audio-recorded/videoed etc.]

• complete questionnaires asking me about [insert any reason here]

• make myself available for a further interviews/questionnaires should that be required [delete if not necessary]

This information will be held and processed for the following purpose(s):

• to supply evidence to support the researcher’s research study (e.g. criminal law in practice).

• to draw conclusions [about/of – study details here e.g. the reality of working as a lawyer in…]

I understand that any information I provide is confidential, and that no information that could lead to the identification of any individual will be disclosed in any reports on the study, or to any other party. No identifiable personal data will be published. The identifiable data will not be shared with any other organisation.

Withdrawal from the study

I understand that my participation is voluntary, that I can choose not to participate in part or all of the study, and that I can withdraw at any stage of the study without being penalised or disadvantaged in any way.

Name: ................................................................................................. (please print)

Signature: ............................................................... Date: ....................................