## ELDERCARE COORDINATION AND MEDIATION: COMPASSIONATE ASSISTANCE FOR AGING ADULTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Research indicates that nearly 40 percent of adult children providing elder, parent care have reported serious conflicts with siblings, step-and half-siblings, spouses, step-parents, and extended family members. This doesn't even include members of the medical team, health care managers, financial managers and/or attorneys. The aging population is increasing exponentially and it is important for us to consider ways, better than the courts, to facilitate crucial and difficult conversations within families as they make necessary, timely, and, often frustrating, decisions about the quality of life. This hour will focus on ways that this can be done keeping in mind respect for the older adult.