

## IDENTIFYING CASES FOR ELDERCARE COORDINATION

***Do you recognize any of these characteristics?***

CASE CHARACTERISTICS	✓
Mediation has reached an impasse	
Multiple motions to the court; high rates of litigation over non-legal issues	
Imbalance of power – some family members have attorneys and others do not or all parties self-represented	
Constant disputes about un-measurable or unsubstantiated items	
Possessive or controlling behavior toward the elder	
Difficulty in others separating elder’s needs and desires from their own; high degree of rigid thinking; win/lose mentality	
Chronic disputes over access and support	
Coalitions/sibling splitting entrenched	
Possible endangerment of elder or other parties	
History of domestic violence in family	
Cross allegations of family members; possible safety concerns	
Drug/alcohol abuse	
Elder being denied access to family member(s) and/or significant others	
Parties being denied access to information	
When money is used as bargaining tool or being withheld for care of the elder	
High emotionality expressed by parties in court; verbal abuse; loud quarreling	
Parties are not able to work cooperatively with collaterals and resources for the elder	
Number of collaterals/agencies involved	
Multiple motions on non-legal issues regarding care and safety of the elder	
Multiple calls to APS regarding issues of family conflict regarding an elder	
Case completed with APS where concerns that family conflict may continue to impede welfare of elder	
Competing applications for appointment as guardian citing non-legal reasons why one applicant is more appropriate than another	
Guardian or other authorized decision-maker constantly being questioned and second guessed	
Chronic interference with elder’s care or decisions affecting elder’s welfare	
Suspicion – founded or unfounded – of financial mismanagement (by elder or by elder’s authorized decision-maker	
Others’ conflict may place elder in jeopardy	
“Grey” Divorce or separation – may be first or after multiple marriages or relationships, especially if children are involved	