

# KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## 1.00 Law & Legal CLE Credit – A/V Approval #1216777

Recorded on – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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Meeting Location	Date	Time	Topic
We are continuing 100% remote access meetings.	Thursday, January 13, 2022	11:55 AM to 1:00 PM	Using Elder Mediation to Resolve Family Conflict

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### AGENDA

**11:55 AM** Introduction

**12:00 PM** Presentation: 'Using Elder Mediation to Resolve Family Conflict', by Janet L. Smith, Janet L. Smith Mediation Services

- What is elder mediation?
- What are some unique challenges to mediating elder law matters?
- Can Elder Mediation be successful when done virtually?
- How can mediation be used to explore alternatives to guardianship under the Uniform Guardianship Act?

**1:00 PM** Adjourn

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### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

**Janet L. Smith, Janet L. Smith Mediation Services** - Janet L. Smith is an elder mediator in private practice with Janet L. Smith Mediation Services. She mediates disputes involving elder law, adult guardianship, TEDRA matters, estate and trust administration, and protection of vulnerable adults.

Janet was a founder of Elder Care Solutions, Inc., a company providing geriatric care management and guardianship services, and in 2005, she founded Northwest Elder Law Group PLLC. Janet retired from the active practice of law in 2021 to focus on serving as an elder mediator and facilitator, drawing on more than three decades as a practicing attorney, geriatric care manager and certified professional guardian.

Janet received a bachelor's degree from Pomona College, a law degree from the University of Washington School of Law, and a Certificate in Gerontology from the University of Washington. Her

mediation and facilitation training includes the Professional Mediation Skills Training Program at the University of Washington School of Law and Northwest Dispute Resolution Conferences. She is a member of the Washington State Bar Association Elder Law Section and Alternate Dispute Resolution Section, and the King County Bar Association Guardianship and Elder Law Section. Janet has provided training in elder mediation and is a regular speaker on elder law alternate dispute resolution. Janet's experience in care management, guardianship, and elder law gives her a unique perspective for facilitating disputes that involve parties living with dementia or families dealing with long-term care issues.

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