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wanted to share this information with you.

## **THE ACCELERATING CAREGIVER BURDEN**

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Did you know?

- Family caregivers provide approximately 80% of home care services.
- A recent study calculated that American businesses lose between \$11 billion and \$29 billion each year due to employees' need to care for loved ones 50 years of age and older.
- Fifty-nine percent of the adult population is or expects to be a family caregiver.
- People over 85 years of age are the fastest growing segment of the population. Half of them need some help with personal care.
- Nearly one quarter (23.9%) of U.S. households is now involved in caring for an elderly family member or relative, spending an average of 20 hours per week or more on caregiving activities.
- A significant decline in the number of family caregivers is occurring in the U.S. while at the same time the demand for elder caregiving is increasing.
- The first wave of baby boomers is expected to hit age 65 in 2007. The numbers will accelerate at a rapid pace.

With 80% of middle age couples having at least one living parent, many people, most of them women, have to adjust to becoming caregivers for an aging parent. Many women frequently report that they must sacrifice their personal time, privacy and peace of mind to become a caregiver to an elderly parent. Their plans must be put on hold while they adjust to the reversing roles of child and parent brought on by the parent's advancing age.

It is estimated that up to seven million women are unpaid caregivers to the elderly. They struggle to cope with the exhaustion, loneliness, mental and physical demands, and heartbreak of watching a loved one grow weaker.

Remember

**“Those Who Plan Ahead Win.  
Those Who Don’t Plan Ahead Lose.”**

This article is for informational purpose only and is not intended as legal advice. It is recommended that you call Timothy P. Crawford for a free conference to discuss your situation in more detail. Attorney Crawford can be reached at 1-262-634-6659. Please refer to this article when you call.

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\*\*Timothy P. Crawford was invited to join the Council of Advanced Practitioners (**CAP**) of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (**NAELA**) in August of 2005. **CAP** is a small group of premier elder law attorneys, all of whom have been members of NAELA for at least 10 years, are certified as elder law attorneys by the National Elder Law Foundation, and are AV rated by Martindale Hubbell, a service that provides an independent rating of the quality of attorneys, as one of the top attorneys in the nation.

Attorney Timothy P. Crawford has been selected as a **Fellow** of NAELA. **Fellow** is the highest honor bestowed by the Academy. Selection as a **Fellow** signifies that his peers recognize the lawyer as a model for others and as an exceptional lawyer and leader.

Attorney Timothy P. Crawford has a superb rating of 10 out of 10 with A V V O.

A V V O has awarded to Attorney Timothy P. Crawford the A V V O Client’s Choice Award.

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