



UNDERSTANDING WRONGFUL DEATH CASES

Wrongful death lawsuits can be filed when one party is proven to be liable for the death of another. These claims can be made for a variety of situations, whether a loved one was killed in a drunk driving accident or due to issues with a defective consumer product. The State of Colorado mandates that the death must have been caused by the negligence, recklessness or even intentional behavior of the culpable party.

Wrongful death cases are very similar to personal injury lawsuits; however, because the victim is no longer alive to pursue a claim, family members may step in to file for monetary damages. In the first year following death, only the deceased spouse is allowed to file a wrongful death claim. During the second year, either a surviving spouse or children may file a claim. If there is not a surviving spouse or children, the parents of the deceased or a representative of the estate may file.

Some of the damages that can be recovered in a wrongful death claim include:

- Lost earnings of the deceased
- Funeral and burial expenses
- Medical expenses
- Lost support
- Lost benefits
- Lost love, companionship, care, assistance, protection or affection

Wrongful death claims are civil lawsuits, meaning that monetary damages may be awarded. Because of the statute of limitations in Colorado, all lawsuits must be filed in a court of law within two years of the date of death. If you believe you have a wrongful death case, you should consult with an attorney as soon as possible.

PREPARATION IS KEY IN ALL WRONGFUL DEATH CASES

Success matters when pursuing compensation in wrongful death cases, and the attorneys at The Vaughn Law Offices are experienced in handling claims related to this type of situation, creating a thorough and detailed case that proves all of these necessary elements.

If a family member has died due to the actions of another party, our personal injury attorneys are ready to offer you well-informed guidance and compassionate support as we pursue the compensation that your family is rightfully owed.

Whatever your needs may be, we would be happy to discuss them during an [initial consultation](#).

Since 2001, the attorneys at The Vaughn Law Offices have been providing legal assistance to personal injury clients.

When success matters, contact us at 303-586-5905 and tell us what you need.