

Denver Wrongful Death Lawyer Comparison

Understanding who can file a wrongful death claim in Colorado

Based on Denver Wrongful Death Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

Factor	First Year (Spouse)	First Year (No Spouse)	After One Year
Who can file?	Surviving Spouse (Exclusive Right)	Children	Designated Beneficiary or Personal Representative
Claimant Priority	Highest	Secondary	Tertiary
Filing Authority	Surviving Spouse	Children	Personal Representative of the Estate
Legal Basis	Exclusive right granted by statute	Statutory right if no spouse	Statutory right if no spouse or children
Purpose of Law	Ensure closest family controls case	Ensure closest family controls case	Allow estate to proceed if family cannot
Time Limitation	Within the first year	Within the first year	After one year has passed

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides to support your comparison:

■ Denver Wrongful Death Claim Checklist

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■ Navigating a Wrongful Death Claim in Denver (Process Flow)

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Colorado law prioritizes immediate family in wrongful death claims.