Wrongful Death Claim Filing in Colorado

Understanding who can file a wrongful death claim and on whose behalf.

Based on Pueblo Wrongful Death Lawyers by McCormick and Murphy

Factor	Personal Representative	Statutory Beneficiaries	Next of Kin (Dependent)
Who Files the Claim	Yes, must be the personal representative of the estate.	No, files on behalf of beneficiaries.	No, files on behalf of beneficiaries.
Role of Personal Representative	Initiates and manages the claim.	May be appointed by the court if no will.	May be appointed by the court if no will.
Who Benefits from the Claim	Claim is for the benefit of others.	Surviving spouse, children, or parents.	Financially dependent relatives.
Legal Standing Requirement	Must be the designated personal representative.	Must be a surviving spouse, child, or parent.	Must be financially dependent on the deceased.
Example Scenarios	Named in will or appointed by court.	Spouse, children, or parents of the deceased.	Individuals who relied on the deceased for financial support.
Importance of Legal Counsel	Essential to determine proper filing and standing.	Essential to ensure beneficiaries' rights are protected.	Essential to establish financial dependency and standing.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides to support your comparison:

- Pueblo Wrongful Death Claim Checklist

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- Navigating a Wrongful Death Claim in Pueblo (Process Flow)

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