

Understanding Wrongful Death Claims in Colorado

A Guide to Filing a Claim After a Loved One's Death

Based on Denver Wrongful Death Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

Who Can File?

In Colorado, the surviving spouse has the exclusive right to file a wrongful death claim during the first _____ after the death.

Alternative Claimants

If there is no spouse, the deceased person's _____ may file a wrongful death claim.

Further Succession

If there is no spouse or children, the _____ can bring the wrongful death claim.

Extended Filing Window

After one year, if no lawsuit has been filed, a designated beneficiary or the _____ of the estate may file on behalf of eligible family members.

Purpose of Standing Rules

The law is specific about standing to ensure that the people most _____ impacted by the loss control the case.

Claimant Priority

The primary right to file a wrongful death claim in Colorado belongs to the surviving spouse for the first year. If no spouse exists, the next in line are the deceased's _____.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides to use with this workbook:

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

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■ Wrongful Death Claim Filing Rights in Colorado (Comparison)

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