Colorado Springs Wrongful Death Action Sheet

Understand your rights and steps to take after a wrongful death in Colorado.

Based on Wrongful Death by McCormick and Murphy

Who Can File a Claim

- Surviving spouse: First year after death.
- Children: If no spouse or spouse doesn't file.
- Parents/Designated person: After one year if no claim filed.
- Heirs: After two years under intestacy law.

Filing Deadlines

- Year 1: Spouse or children.
- Year 2: Parents or designated person.
- Beyond Year 2: Heirs under intestacy law.

Key Legal Considerations

- Understand the specific order of priority for filing.
- Be aware of the strict time limits for each party.
- Ensure the claim is filed by the legally prioritized individual.

Seeking Justice

- Prioritize those closest to the deceased.
- Ensure someone can seek justice for the family.
- Consult with legal counsel for guidance.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this action sheet:

- Wrongful Death Claim Filing Rights in Colorado (Comparison)

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- Denver Wrongful Death Claim Checklist

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Act promptly and understand the legal order to pursue justice for a wrongful death.