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Wrongful Death Suits

A wrongful death is a death caused by another's negligence, recklessness, malpractice, or inaction. Driving under the influence of alcohol may lead to a wrongful death lawsuit.

Examples of wrongful death include:

- A pedestrian killed by a drunk driver
- A child killed by a careless driver

The family of a wrongful death victim may choose to file a wrongful death lawsuit. Wrongful death lawsuits do not include criminal charges, but they can help families recover damages for pain and suffering, lost wages, medical costs and other expenses.

In 2002, an average of one person every 30 minutes died because of an alcohol related crash, becoming just another DUI statistic. An estimated 17,419 died because of alcohol related crashes, defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as involving a driver or non-occupant as having a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.01 grams per deciliter or greater. (OnlineLawyerSource.com)

Definition of Wrongful Death Suit

Wrongful death is defined as a person being killed as the result of the negligence or other wrongful conduct of another. A wrongful death suit may follow—when the family of the deceased seeks compensation for their loss. Because DUI is a form of “negligence or wrongful conduct,” suits may be filed against those who drink and drive.

Wrongful Death Suit Eligibility

Those who may file wrongful death lawsuits may include:

- Parents
- Spouses
- Children
- Stepparents
- Grandparents
- Dependents

Wrongful Death Suit Compensation

Damages won from a wrongful death lawsuit may include:

- Lost inheritance

- Pain and suffering
- Mental anguish
- Loss of support or companionship
- General damages
- Medical and funeral costs
- Lost wages, including future earnings
- Lost benefits

Wrongful Death Suit Issues

Families of those lost by “wrongful death” may file wrongful death personal injury lawsuits. These civil lawsuits do not include criminal charges, but they can help families recover damages for pain and suffering, lost wages, mental anguish, loss of companionship, medical costs, and other expenses.

You may be eligible for damages if you lost a loved one due to wrongful death. Wrongful death suit lawyers specialize in helping people like you with your case. If you believe you have a valid wrongful death claim, you should consult an experienced wrongful death lawyer.

One very important thing people need to keep in mind: Every wrongful death lawsuit is subject to a statute of limitations. A statute of limitations limits the amount of time a person who has lost a loved one to wrongful death has to file a lawsuit.