



Your Legal Rights



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Damages may be awarded in wrongful death cases on the basis of two different scenarios. In the first, the party severely injured due to the negligence of another person lives for some time but eventually dies of the injuries. In this case, the survivor of the deceased would be entitled to compensation for any medical costs or expenses that were incurred before death occurred, as well as for pain and suffering and reasonable burial expenses. In the second case, the injured party dies soon after his or her injuries. The survivor of the deceased who looks to the wrongdoer for compensation will want to receive damages stemming from any future loss

of economic support that the deceased would have provided.

If you believe you have a valid claim for the wrongful death of a family member, you should consult an attorney versed in this area of the law. For additional information about today's column or another legal issue, call our office for a free initial consultation. Personal injury cases are our specialty and for your convenience, we offer hospital and in-home visits.

HINT: Juries in wrongful death cases are instructed not to take into consideration any life insurance money or inheritance that survivors may receive when determining the amount of recoverable damages.

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