



Personal Injury Group: Wrongful Death Claims

When a loved one dies unexpectedly, family members are always left in shock. Knowing that a family member died as a result of the wrongful act or negligence of another only serves to compound those feelings.

The personal injury attorneys at Levene Gouldin & Thompson believe that there is no case more deserving of justice than one seeking to help the loved ones families of someone who has died because of someone else's fault.

While no amount of money can replace a loved one, a wrongful death action can offer a sense of justice and help cover the costs that accompany such an unexpected loss.

In New York, the Estate Powers and Trust Law (EPTL) grants the personal representative of a decedent's estate the right to sue for pecuniary (monetary) loss on behalf of those persons who are entitled to share the decedent's estate. This means that, in New York, spouses, children, parents, and sometimes other family members can recover damages in a wrongful death action.

The damages recoverable in a wrongful death action brought in New York may be such sum as the jury or the court deems to be fair and just compensation for the pecuniary injuries resulting from the decedent's death. Thus, the damages recoverable in a wrongful death action brought in New York include the decedent's: conscious pain and suffering prior to death; lost future earnings; and reasonable medical and funeral expenses.

In wrongful death actions that involve intentional wrongdoing or a reckless indifference to human life, juries or courts sitting in New York may also award punitive damages.

If you believe you are entitled to compensation due to the wrongful death of a family member, contact the team of personal injury attorneys at Levene Gouldin & Thompson, LLP.

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