

## Damages in Kentucky Wrongful Death Cases

Once you establish a negligent act and someone can be sued for the wrongful death of another you must then prove damages. Damages are those economic consequences caused by the wrongful death. In Kentucky damages that are recoverable by the estate include:

- Funeral expenses
- Medical bills
- Loss of power to labor and earn money
- Pain and suffering from the time of the negligent act up until death
- Punitive damages

You can only recover any of these damages once. There is no double recovery allowed. In situations where the death is not immediate you may only recover each element once. The personal injury and wrongful death claims are joined in one action.