

## Fact-Finding Questionnaire

### *Wrongful Death of Adult*

#### I. FOR COUNSEL

1. a) Retaining attorney (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_
2. Court jurisdiction:     Federal     State  
Court name \_\_\_\_\_
3. Estimated trial date (if known) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Deadline for submission of economic appraisal report \_\_\_\_\_
5. Provide copy of Complaint and Amended Complaint(s).
6. Provide copy of any relevant deposition transcripts and interrogatories, if available.
7. May plaintiff be contacted directly to obtain additional information? If so, please inform your client that we may be contacting him/her and provide us with the telephone number(s)  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ and e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Please have the plaintiff or some other responsible person complete the remainder of this questionnaire. Where helpful, attach explanatory or helpful information or documents.
9. The remainder of this questionnaire has been completed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**Please sign the completed Fact-Finding Questionnaire prior to submitting:**

““I attest that the facts and statements provided are true.”

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**II. PERSONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECEDENT**

1. Full name \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Gender:  Male  Female
3. Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date of death \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Date of impairment (if different) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Residence: Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_
7. Educational attainment \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_
9. Health during the year before death (or in the time period before impairment) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

10. Marital status \_\_\_\_\_

If married, provide spouse's

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Educational attainment \_\_\_\_\_ Employed before spouse's death?  Yes  No

Employed currently?  Yes  No

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  Full-Time  Part-Time

Health during past year \_\_\_\_\_

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11. List all children and/or other dependents (if any)

Name	Date of birth	City of residence	Health during past year
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### III. DECEDENT'S EMPLOYMENT & EARNINGS INFORMATION

#### A. Employment

1. Employed before the time of death?  Yes  No
2. Employment status:  Full-Time  Part-Time
3. Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_
4. Location: Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_
5. Last job title \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Date of hire \_\_\_\_\_
7. Average number of hours worked per week a) regular \_\_\_\_\_ b) overtime \_\_\_\_\_
8. Union member?  Yes  No Union Name \_\_\_\_\_

If a union member, please provide collective bargaining agreements for three (3) years before the death, and through the present time. Also provide statement of number of hours worked each year.

9. Please provide a recent resume or a synopsis of decedent's employment history.

#### B. Earnings

1. Please provide copies of the following:
  - W-2 Wage and Tax Statements for at least three (3) years before and including the year of death
  - complete federal income tax returns for at least three (3) years before and including the year of death
  - last available year-end pay stub and most recent pay stub prior to death

*A complete history of decedent's W-2 earnings can be obtained on-line from the Social Security Administration at <http://www.ssa.gov/>*

*To request copies of tax returns, download Internal Revenue Service Form 4506 at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506.pdf>.*

2. Annual salary or hourly rate of regular earnings prior to the date of death \_\_\_\_\_
3. Hourly rate of overtime (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Fringe Benefits**

1. Indicate below the fringe benefits (compensation other than money wages) received by decedent from his or her employer prior to the time of death.

**PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK(S)**

Benefit received?  
Check (Y) Yes or (N) No:

*Employee* contribution required?  
Check (Y) Yes or (N) No. If ‘Yes’, list amount:

**a. Insurance Plans:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N Health Insurance<br><input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Individual<br><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N Prescription Coverage<br><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N Dental Insurance<br><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N Eyeglass / Vision Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N Amount: _____ per _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N Amount: _____ per _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N Amount: _____ per _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N Amount: _____ per _____ |
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Have decedent’s surviving family members incurred or paid for any out-of-pocket medical costs related to the death? Please provide details by family member. Do not include those costs which would normally have been out-of-pocket for the family (for example, deductibles, co-pays, etc.).

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Did surviving family members extend health insurance coverage through COBRA or another provider? Please provide details including duration of such benefits and monthly cost.

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- b. Retirement Benefits:** Employee contribution required?
- Y  N Pension Plan  Y  N Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_
- Y  N 401(k) Plan
- Employee* contribution: \_\_\_\_\_
- Employer* contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide copy of retirement handbook and description of plan.**

Are any family members currently receiving pension payments? If so, provide information regarding from whom, month and year payments began, and current monthly amount being received.

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- c. Other Benefits:** Employee contribution required?
- Y  N Long-Term Disability Insurance  Y  N Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_
- Y  N Other \_\_\_\_\_  Y  N Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_

**d. Stock Option Awards (if applicable):**

1. Provide copies of all employer-generated stock option award notices that would indicate date of award, issuance price, and vesting schedule.

2. What impact did decedent’s death have on outstanding vested and unvested option awards? Was plaintiff forced to exercise previously issued option awards as a result of the death?

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3. Provide copies of Settlement Statements related to any stock option awards exercised by the decedent.

4. Would decedent have been eligible to receive stock option awards in subsequent years? Have his/her peers received any awards since the date of death?

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**IV. SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

1. For Social Security Survivors’ benefits, please provide the following (*itemized by family member*):

a) Month and year payments started

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b) Copy of Notice of Award in support of Social Security payments (*for each family member*)

c) Copies of each family member’s annual SSA-1099 form (Social Security Benefit Statement) from the year payments began through the present

d) Current monthly amount being received (*itemized by family member*)

2. Other

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**V. HOUSEHOLD CHORES / MAINTENANCE**

1. Itemize and provide a **comprehensive** description of the household chores/maintenance that had been performed by the decedent. (If needed, attach additional sheets.)

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2. Identify the average number of hours per week devoted to each service.

a) Housekeeping \_\_\_\_\_ hrs per wk  
(meal preparation, laundry, doing dishes, vacuuming, ironing, dusting, making beds, shopping, etc.)

b) Home Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_ hrs per wk  
(painting, repairs, renovations, pool maintenance, etc.)

c) Yard Work \_\_\_\_\_ hrs per wk  
(mowing, shrubbery, flower beds, vegetable garden, leaves, snow-clearing, etc.)

d) Finances \_\_\_\_\_ hrs per wk  
(banking, investments, record keeping, paying bills, etc.)

e) Auto Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_ hrs per wk  
(wash, wax, change oil, change tires, minor repairs, complex repairs, etc.)

f) Care to Disabled Spouse/Child \_\_\_\_\_ hrs per wk

Please describe (if applicable):

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g) Other Services \_\_\_\_\_ hrs per wk

Please describe (if applicable):

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3. Did decedent and family own/rent the residence:  Own  Rent  Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Type of residence occupied by decedent and family:

- apartment  condominium  townhouse  single-family home  multi-family home  
 mobile home  other \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. AMOUNT & QUALITY OF TIME SPENT WITH SPOUSE (attach additional sheets if needed)**

1. Before the death or period of impairment, how much time did decedent spend with his/her spouse during the week and on weekends?

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2. What types of activities did decedent and spouse engage in together? What types of interests / hobbies did decedent and spouse share?

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3. What types of advice and guidance did decedent provide to his/her spouse? What types of issues did decedent and his/her spouse discuss? (e.g., family matters, financial issues, retirement plans, health matters, career choices, etc.)

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4. Please comment on how available the decedent was for his/her spouse. \_\_\_\_\_

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**VII. AMOUNT & QUALITY OF TIME SPENT WITH CHILDREN (attach other sheets if needed)**

1. How much time did the decedent spend with his/her children during the week and on weekends?

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2. What activities did the decedent participate in with the children? What types of interests / hobbies did decedent and his/her children share?

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3. What sort of advice and guidance did the decedent provide to his/her children? (e.g., education, family matters, financial issues, health matters, career choices, etc.)

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4. Please comment on how available the decedent was for his/her children \_\_\_\_\_

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