

# Wrongful Death Damages



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- "A child whose parent was negligently killed by the tortfeasor, and who lost his sole means of support and whatever guidance and comfort a parent might provide, had no cause of action at all, with the result that from the defendant's point of view it was cheaper to kill a person than to scratch him."
- *Prosser & Keeton on Torts*

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## Lord Campbell's Act



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# Threshold Legal Issues in Wrongful Death Cases



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- 1. What statute controls?
- 2. Who are the proper beneficiaries under the statute?

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