STATE OF THE STATES: WHERE ARE WE NOW?

WRONGFUL DEATH (CIVIL ACTION)



Twenty-nine states permit a wrongful death action if the unborn child was viable at the time of his/her death: AL, AZ, AR, CO, CT, DE, HI, ID, KS, KY, MD, MA, MN, MS, MT, NV, NH, NM, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, VT, WA, and WI.

Nine states allow suits for a pre-viable unborn child: GA (limited to quickening), IL, LA, MI, MO, NE, SD, TX, and WV.

Twelve states still require live birth (and bar a cause of action for the death of the unborn child unless the child is born alive and dies thereafter): AK, CA, FL, IN, IA, ME, NJ, NY, TN, UT, VA, and WY.