

## Dear Railroad Spouses and Families:

We often take for granted that our husbands and wives who work on the railroad will come home to us safely and unharmed each day. We must remember however, that the work of a railroader is still a perilous one. Should your spouse or family member be seriously injured or killed while working for the railroad, the burden of making the right decisions for your loved ones will often fall upon you. This is a life-changing and frightening experience for the cornerstone of the family, you, the spouse. You want to protect your family's future by making informed decisions.

Our law firm has more than a half century of experience dedicated solely to protecting and enforcing the rights of railroaders.

From our experience, we have developed our **SPOUSE'S PACKET** as a way to inform you and your railroader of your rights under the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA), 45 U.S.C. sec. 51 et seq. The FELA is a federal law that serves as the basis for recovery when a railroader is injured on the job. Under the FELA, the minute an injury or death occurs on the railroad, your interests and the interests of the railroad will be in conflict. Most often the railroad will attempt to avoid responsibility for the accident and/or death, and place blame on the injured or deceased worker.

When injuries result in death on the railroad, the damages you are entitled to become more complex. The issues immediately facing your family involve the pain and suffering your spouse experienced prior to dying, the economic losses suffered by you, your family, and the children's loss of parental guidance. Will you be prepared?

We hope that you will never have to use this information, and that you and your family will be spared from the trauma of injury or death on the railroad. However if you do, don't walk alone in this difficult journey. It could determine your family's future.



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