

# PENNSYLVANIA SUMMARY JUDGMENT WRONGFUL DEATH

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**A**ttorney Quinn McCusker recently obtained summary judgment in a wrongful death case. The decedent's estate claimed that a property owner engaged in harassing conduct once the decedent-tenant failed to pay rent. Prior to the decedent's death in 2018, the owner filed a landlord tenant action to remove the decedent. Ultimately, the landlord did not obtain an eviction order because the decedent agreed to voluntarily vacate the premises. Upon being served the warrant of removal the day the decedent agreed to move out, the decedent took

his own life. The plaintiffs alleged this was due to the property owner's outrageous conduct. Quinn argued that the plaintiff failed to supply evidence sufficient to prove outrageous conduct or an expert opinion sufficient to link the alleged conduct to the suicide. The court agreed, entering judgment in favor of the property owner and against the plaintiffs on all counts, including wrongful death, negligence, negligent & intentional infliction of emotional distress and punitive damages. For more information, please contact [FHMSlaw@fhmslaw.com](mailto:FHMSlaw@fhmslaw.com)



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