

**What's the problem?**When someone dies and they are married,the responsibility of the deceased spouse should be shared between the spouse and the "next of kin". I support this because, personally I believe that full custody should be given to the remaining child or children. But when the deceased person is married than the remaining spouse should have an opportunity to have their desires respected. So instead of choosing one party over the other,they can share the responsibility. Some people get married for other reasons than love,and the remaining spouse may not be the appropriate candidate for what happens to the deceased spouse. Since we are not able to determine what couples are married for the right reasons,sharing the custody with the remaining child or children is fair enough

**What's Next?**  
My next steps are to compose a petition to have the current "next of kin" rights sent back to the Supreme Court to be revised for shared custody of all remaining decisions and property.  
Construct a letter to both one of my representatives and briefly inform them on where I stand with my issue and future plans that I may have and what I want from them

**Why is this a problem?** In September of 2010,a Philadelphia resident passed away from diabetes. Soon after his death his,wife set up to have a mortician come and remove his body from hospice and have his body cremated. The daughter as well as family members of the deceased are in no way space or form in contact or relationship to his spouse. This was an issue because his daughters and other family members didn't want to have his body cremated. What several of us fail to realize is why the remaining spouse held full responsibility over what happened to the corpse when he clearly had the appropriate family members who were able to make the decision too.Why isn't custody of the body and remaining property equally dispersed between the child and the remaining spouse?

- Supporters
- Wolf, Baldwin & Associates
- Opponents
- The state of Pennsylvania
  - Gregory S. Foreman (Charleston Divorce Attorney and Certified family and court mediator)

**What's happening now?**  
I haven't discovered any current research on "next of kin" rights. Amongst the other issues that society is facing I understand how easy it may be for this issue to be neglected. With that said,I hope that I am able to spread as much information as I can to the public ensuring that my audience is aware of what issues society are concerned about.  
Thank You.

**Who can help you with this problem?**  
Below are a few politicians surrounding the Philadelphia,Pennsylvania area that can accurately represent me.These significant people can provide me with effective information towards furthering my process about "next of kin".



If anyone is interested in joining me along my journey of equality,please feel free to contact me at (215)-979-5620 or email me at [klynch@scienceleadership.org](mailto:klynch@scienceleadership.org)



Dear Louise Bishop,

I am contacting you in regards of representing the “next of kin” rights. I feel that the “next of kin” law that currently withstands, should be updated and highly reconsidered. The “next of kin” law should be altered so that it grants the “next of kin” rights to an opinion on what will happen to the deceased person, and shared custody of other remaining items. I don’t think that it is fair,that marriage is chosen over fair blood.I am aware that part of the reason this law was composed was because in the past,spouses have been

left with no compensation or property from the remaining spouse. Before my school year as a senior started,I sat by my best friend’s father bed side as he passed away from many diseases. Day after day,we witnessed her father suffer and after he passed,his wife,who was not in favor of us,set up for someone come and have his body cremated an hour after he passed. The daughter and other family members of the deceased person did not concur. If it wasn’t for us reaching out to the wife,the family would have been devastated. So instead of requesting that full responsibility be given to the “next of kin”, I think its fair that shared custody is appropriate,(assuming that the “next of kin” is the appropriate age at the time of death). I do understand that if their is no remaining spouse the “next of kin” will then receive what is left but I don’t think this is respectable. I hope that I have convinced you so that you support my position and help me contact and reach out to other people with higher authority.

Thank you.

Dear Wolf & Baldwin Associates,

I would first like to start off by saying that I really appreciate the fact that regarding the “next of kin” rights,you all agree that some property and money be granted to the “next of kin”. I am contacting you in regards of this topic because I believe that if the “next of kin” is at the appropriate age at the time of death then they should have equal decision on what happens to the deceased loved one. I don’t think it is fair that the remaining spouse is given all the remaining items and full responsibility over the deceased loved one when their may be other people in the family who may disagree. I also believe that all merchandise and money that is left should be spilt equally because the remaining spouse is NO more or less important than the remaining children(in this case). I know that you will jump on board this in helping me represent those who would like to see the current “next of kin” law changed.

Thank you

If you have any comments that you would like to add,do so below

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