

Maintenance/Consumption Deductions in Wrongful Death Cases

In the 2007 book tri-edited by Dr. Brookshire, a Brookshire and Gunderson chapter explored some substantial differences among forensic economists in how consumption deductions are calculated in various states. Drs. Brookshire and Slesnick extended these analyses in a 2010 *Journal of Forensic Economics* article, which focused on a fundamental issue of how personal consumption or maintenance deductions should be calculated when both spouses worked before the alleged wrongful death of one of them. Consumption issues are also discussed in many Brookshire, Slesnick, and Luthy survey articles.