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## Love and Passion: The Keys to Success in Life and Work

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As February rolls in, love takes center stage. But love isn't just about hearts and roses—it's a powerful force that drives success in both personal and professional lives. At Chamlin Law, we believe that the passion you bring to your relationships can also fuel your career and vice versa.

Love and passion are interconnected. When you care deeply about what you do, whether it's serving your clients, supporting your family, or pursuing your goals, your work becomes more than a job—it's a purpose. That same energy translates into stronger relationships, whether they're personal or professional.

For us, this means approaching every case with care, empathy, and a determination to help our clients rebuild their lives. It's not just about winning; it's about making a difference. When you pour your heart into what matters most, success becomes a natural outcome.

As we celebrate the month of love, we encourage you to reflect on what you're passionate about and how it shapes your life. Whether it's spending quality time with family, pursuing a hobby, or making strides in your career, love and passion are the common threads that lead to fulfillment and success.

Here's to making this February not just about love, but about living a life full of purpose and passion!

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## **When Love Suffers Too: Understanding Per Quod Claims in New Jersey**

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When someone is injured due to another's negligence, it doesn't only affect the injured person—it can impact their loved ones as well. In New Jersey, the law recognizes this broader impact through per quod claims, a legal avenue for spouses or partners of injured individuals to seek compensation for their own losses.

If you're unfamiliar with the concept, here's what you need to know about per quod claims in New Jersey:

### **What is a Per Quod Claim?**

The term per quod comes from Latin, meaning "by which." In the legal context, it refers to a derivative claim brought by the spouse or civil partner of an injured person. This claim seeks compensation for the loss of the injured person's companionship, services, and support due to the injury caused by someone else's negligence.

*For example:*

- If an injury leaves your spouse unable to provide emotional support or assist with household responsibilities, you may be entitled to compensation.
- If the injury impacts your marital relationship or your partner's ability to participate in family life, this could also form the basis of a per quod claim.

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## **What Can Be Claimed?**

Damages in a per quod claim typically cover:

- **Loss of Companionship and Affection:** The emotional connection between spouses may be deeply affected after an injury.
- **Loss of Services:** This includes practical household contributions, such as childcare, cooking, or home maintenance, that the injured spouse can no longer provide.
- **Loss of Consortium:** This encompasses the disruption to the intimate and supportive aspects of a marital relationship.



## **How is a Per Quod Claim Filed?**

A per quod claim is not a standalone lawsuit—it must be filed as part of the primary personal injury lawsuit. The injured spouse will seek compensation for their injuries, and the spouse filing the per quod claim will request compensation for their associated losses.

It's crucial to note that New Jersey law requires proof of the marital or civil partnership relationship at the time of the injury. In addition, the spouse making the per quod claim must demonstrate how the injury has directly impacted their life.

## **Why Legal Guidance is Key**

Per quod claims can be complex, especially when it comes to quantifying non-economic damages like emotional loss or changes in a marital relationship. An experienced personal injury attorney can help you build a strong case by gathering evidence, such as medical records, witness statements, and personal testimony, to substantiate your claim.

The ripple effects of an injury extend beyond the person directly harmed. New Jersey's recognition of per quod claims provides an important legal remedy for spouses or partners who suffer alongside their loved ones. If you or someone you know has been impacted in this way, understanding your rights is the first step toward recovering compensation for these often-overlooked losses.

At Chamlin Law, we're here to guide you through the process with care and expertise. Contact us today for a free consultation to discuss your case. today.

# February CU&W Birthdays

February 8th - Charles Uliano

February 23rd - Mallory Petrolito

February 24th - Mandy Pesce

## WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CU&W?

In the spirit of February, we celebrate the heart of Chamlin Uliano & Walsh—our amazing team. From the warmth of our annual Holiday lunch at Deal Country Club to their daily dedication and compassion, our team inspires us every day. Their commitment to our clients and each other makes Chamlin Uliano & Walsh truly special.



## Additional Motor Vehicle Accident FAQ

***Q. If a loved one dies in a motor vehicle accident, can I sue as a family member?***

A: Yes, in New Jersey, family members can file a wrongful death lawsuit if a loved one dies in a motor vehicle accident caused by another's negligence. Typically, this claim is filed by the estate's personal representative on behalf of eligible family members, such as a spouse, children, parents, or other dependents.

You may seek compensation for losses, including medical expenses, funeral and burial costs, loss of financial support, and the loss of companionship or guidance. The lawsuit must generally be filed within two years of the accident.

To ensure your rights are protected and you receive the compensation your family deserves, consult a knowledgeable attorney to guide you through the process.