

Transcript from Interview of Wendy Lao taken on August 27, 2021 by Senior Law Clerk

Q. Can I have your full name for the record?

A. Wendy Lao.

Q. What is your date of birth?

A. April 28, 1977

Q. Are you the wife of Henry Lao?

A. Yes, his widow.

Q. I'm so so sorry. I can't imagine what you have been through. Do you need a Kleenex?

A. No, no. I am okay.

Q. How long were you and Henry married?

A. We have known each other since high school. We were high school sweethearts. We got married straight out of high school. We couldn't wait to start our lives together. We had our first daughter Jenny a few years into our marriage. Then we had Sophie.

Q. I see.

A. Yes, Henry was the most protective husband, he did everything he could for us. He was our rock and I do not know how I will handle the future without him. I have been very depressed. I went to the doctor and I was given anti-depressant medication. I can't sleep. I have gained 35 lbs. I have headaches. I am not myself. Since the girls are older, I was planning on going back to work. I am a trained early educator and wanted to work in a daycare. Now, I can barely get out of bed in the morning, muchless work. I don't know how we will survive.

Q. Okay, don't worry, we will help you.

A. Thank you.

Q. What did Henry do for a living?

A. He was a welder. He worked 9-5 every day, even during the pandemic as his industry was deemed essential. He also worked on the side as an Uber delivery driver. He was working for Uber at the time of the accident but he was alone in the car when he died.

Q. Okay, so he died at the scene?

A. Yes. I hadn't even seen him since this morning when he went to work. He had earlier that evening to speak to the girls and make sure they are okay. Sophie has autism and sometimes they fight. He would always check in on them, make sure they were getting along, that Sophie was doing okay. He was such a good dad.

Q. Okay, Mrs. Lao, thank you for your time. The senior lawyer will get in touch and meet with you soon.