



Cossey and Robeson v. Fields Petroleum et al.
2009 Settlement

While Mr. Robeson and Mr. Cossey were in the process of ventilating and evacuating an 18,000 gallon gasoline storage tank, a violent explosion occurred. The result was the death of Mr. Robeson, who left behind two children, and the loss of both of Mr. Cossey's hands as well as severe burn injuries to Mr. Cossey's body. The explosion was so powerful that it struck other flammable tanks in the area, causing additional explosions and fire so hot that the asphalt was consumed by the intense heat.

After extensive investigation Lou Accurso discovered that the cause of the explosion was static electricity, a type of explosion that could have been prevented had the proper gasket been used on the bulk storage tank. Mr. Accurso found and hired the nation's top expert on static electricity explosions as well as several other top experts to establish the defendant's fault for this terrible explosion. Defendants were blaming Mr. Robeson and Mr. Cossey throughout the case, causing the case to be litigated before a trial to the Missouri Eastern District Court of Appeals.

The case was settled against several defendants on behalf of Mr. Cossey and the surviving members of Mr. Robeson's family for approximately three million dollars. The amount of the settlement took into account the many factual challenges presented by the case, but again reflects Mr. Accurso's commitment to taking on some of the toughest product cases for those who are in great need.