

# Stephen Moore and James Morris Secure Trial Victory in Boat Explosion Case

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Stephen Moore and James Morris of the firm's St. Louis office secured a full defense verdict for their client, a marina, in a recent boat explosion case. Plaintiff alleged that the marina was responsible for the boat explosion and requested a \$75 million verdict from the jury. Plaintiff and the co-defendant boat manufacturer alleged that the explosion and resulting bodily injury was due to the marina's leaky fuel lines, negligent use of a vapor recovery nozzle, and the failure to have a fuel attendant present at the fuel station. Although Plaintiff was awarded \$15 million in damages in a verdict against the boat manufacturer – the largest plaintiff's verdict in a Missouri court in 2014 – the jury found that our client, the marina, was not responsible for the explosion and issued a full defense verdict in its favor, a major victory both for our client and the firm.

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