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Comments

Railroad Liability for Fires in Louisiana

The liability of a railroad for the damage resulting from a fire caused by its operation is determined in accordance with the ordinary principles of tort law. Plaintiff carries the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that some part of the railroad's operation was conducted negligently and that this negligence caused the damage for which he seeks reparation.¹ In many instances the evidence employed to establish that the railroad's operation caused the fire may also serve to establish

1. *Edrington v. Louisville, N.O. & T. Ry.*, 41 La. Ann. 96, 6 So. 19 (1889); *Meyer v. Vicksburg, S. & P. R.R.*, 41 La. Ann. 639, 6 So. 218 (1889).