

POLITICS AND LAW: "A CIVIL ACTION"

WHAT MUST THE PLAINTIFFS' PROVE TO WIN THE CASE AND DAMAGES?

1. That the defendants negligently discharged chemicals;
2. that the chemicals entered the town of Woburn drinking water; (requires experts)
3. that the chemicals were harmful; (requires experts)
4. that the chemicals caused harm to the plaintiffs; (requires experts)
5. *the amount of damages caused by the harm*

All must be proved by a PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE (a lesser standard than the criminal standard of proof beyond a reasonable doubt)