

Houston Attorney: Oil Industry Profits Rising, But People are Paying the Price

The oil industry continues to make huge profits, but this comes at a huge cost, according to one attorney featured in a viral news video.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, December 20, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The oil industry presents many dangers, says Michael Callahan. Callahan is an [injury attorney in Houston](#), and he recently discussed these dangers in a Facebook Live video that has over 8,000 views.

In the interview, which took place on the AskTheLawyers.com™ Facebook page, he explained that it's not just the workers who are at risk. The communities near the oil and gas well sites have to deal with the increased presence of oilfield service trucks and tankers. These heavy vehicles can damage not only the community's infrastructure including roads but also pose a threat to other drivers. He's currently representing the victims of a crash caused by a tanker truck that pulled away from a stop sign into oncoming traffic hitting a vehicle and seriously injuring a family.

"It's not clear at this point what caused the truck driver to do that, but I suspect that it was it was fatigue coupled with a sense of urgency in trying to get his load delivered," Callahan said.

He previously represented an oil field worker in a drilling rig accident where the driller lost control of the load being lifted causing the 12,000 pound block to swing into the worker crushing his leg. Callahan also represented the family of a young drilling rig worker who was killed when the brakes on the rig failed causing a 10,000 pound piece of equipment to fall to the rig floor. The young man was unable to get out of the way and was struck causing fatal injuries.

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Oil companies are responsible for making sure that workers are well-trained, well-rested, and are provided safe equipment. Callahan urges anyone injured on a drilling rig



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or while working in the oil field to:

Report the injury to the company
Seek workers' compensation if available

Be very careful about signing any liability waivers.

He cautioned that some companies may try to get workers to relinquish their rights to file a lawsuit. He said it is absolutely essential to speak with an attorney experienced in oil field injuries to learn about their options for seeking justice.

“Make sure you talk with a lawyer that has experience in that area,” he said. “Because it really is a specialized area. You get one chance at justice, and that's it.”

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