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Stouffer Inn Fire, Harrison, New York

On December 3, 1980, less than two weeks after the blaze at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, a fire erupted in the Stouffer Inn Conference Center in Harrison, New York, killing twenty-six people and injuring several dozen others. The fire started with an explosive force and spread in seconds through the hallways and meeting rooms of the third floor, asphyxiating most of the victims. The lawsuit which followed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York included our client, the original construction contractor, among many others. The claims against all defendants ultimately resulted in a \$49.5 million settlement with only a small contribution on behalf of our client.

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