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Hire an Experienced Camp Lejeune Law Firm to Fight for the Compensation You Deserve

If you or a family member were stationed at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, you may be entitled to financial compensation from the federal government. Under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022, veterans, contractors, their family members, and others have a two-year window to file claims; and if you have a claim, you can hire our Camp Lejeune law firm to represent you at no out-of-pocket cost.



Camp Lejeune Justice Act Lawyers Investigating Camp Lejeune Water Contamination

While the Camp Lejeune Justice Act became law on August 10, 2022, the issues surrounding the contaminated water supply at Camp Lejeune have been known for decades. The federal government commissioned a study of Camp Lejeune's contaminated water in 1984, and this study found that the levels of four volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the water were *far* above the safe limits for human contact and consumption.

The water supply at Camp Lejeune wasn't declared clean until 1987, and even today, veterans are struggling to obtain benefits for conditions linked to Camp Lejeune's contaminated water from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The VA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) recently acknowledged as much–publishing a **report** in August 2022 which concluded that the VA had improperly processed approximately 21,000 Camp Lejeune contaminated water contamination claims over the previous four years, resulting in the wrongful denial of "at least \$13.8 million" in veterans benefits.

At Martin & Jones, our attorneys are continuing to investigate the water contamination at Camp Lejeune. While there is no question that the water on the base was contaminated, claimants must still be able to prove their right to just

compensation. When you hire a Camp Lejeune Justice Act attorney to represent you, your attorney will thoroughly investigate your claim, determine the value of your claim, and fight to quickly recover just compensation on your behalf.

5 Tips for Finding a Camp Lejeune Law Firm

If you are entitled to financial compensation under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022, your choice of legal representation matters. Even though the government has acknowledged the water contamination at Camp Lejeune, and even though Congress enacted the Camp Lejeune Justice Act specifically to provide eligible claimants with a source of financial recovery, securing just compensation under the law won't be easy. Veterans, contractors, their family members and others will need experienced legal representation, and they will need to be able to rely on their law firm to help maximize their financial recoveries.

So, how do you choose an experienced Camp Lejeune law firm to represent you? Here are of the key factors to consider when making your decision:

1. Free Camp Lejeune Case Reviews

You should choose a law firm that provide a free Camp Lejeune case review. It should not cost you anything to learn about your legal rights. If you were exposed to the contaminated drinking water at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987 and you have been diagnosed with a medical condition linked to the VOCs in Camp Lejeune's water, you are entitled to a comprehensive claim assessment at no cost.

2. Experience Obtaining Compensation from the Government

Filing a claim with the government is a complicated process that is governed by strict rules and procedures. As a result, it is important to choose a law firm with relevant experience. While the Camp Lejeune Justice Act is brand new, there are other laws that allow claimants to file similar types of claims for illnesses and injuries from other causes (i.e., vaccines), and some law firms—like ours—handle these claims on a regular basis.

3. Team of Passionate and Committed Legal Professionals

Protecting your legal rights under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 requires a team of legal professionals who are dedicated to your recovery. There are *lots* of steps involved in filing a claim, and claimants must act quickly to ensure that they are able to receive the compensation they deserve as soon as possible. So, more than an attorney,

you truly need a team of passionate and committed professionals who are prepared to fight for justice on your behalf.

4. Representation for Camp Lejeune Claims at No Out-of-Pocket Cost

When you hire a Camp Lejeune law firm, you should not have to pay anything upfront. You also should not have to pay any monthly bills for legal fees or expenses. Our firm is handling all Camp Lejeune claims on a contingency-fee-basis, which means our clients pay no out-of-pocket costs, and we only get paid if we help our clients obtain settlements or win verdicts in court.

5. Offices in Raleigh, North Carolina

While some Camp Lejeune water contamination claims will settle, most claimants will need to go to court to protect their legal rights. Under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, claimants can *only* file lawsuits in the U.S. Federal District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. This federal court is located in Raleigh, and all claimants will need a local law firm that is prepared to take their claim to trial if necessary.

5 Tips for What To Look For In a Camp Lejeune Law Firm

When you contact a law firm, your first step will be to sit down (in person or over the phone) for your free initial consultation. During this consultation, a Camp Lejeune Justice Act attorney will assess your claim, but this is your opportunity to feel out the attorney as well. Does he or she seem like the right choice to represent you? **Here are our tips for what to look for in an attorney:**

1. Makes You Feel Comfortable

It is extremely important that you feel comfortable openly discussing personal matters with your attorney. If you don't feel comfortable and end up withholding information about your diagnosis or its effects on your life, you won't receive the full compensation you deserve.

2. Understands Your Situation

The attorney you choose should have a clear understanding of your situation. This includes the entire history of the water contamination at Camp Lejeune. If an attorney isn't familiar with the issues at Camp Lejeune or your rights under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, the attorney won't be able to represent you effectively.

3. Will Handle Your Claim Personally

Will the attorney handle your claim personally, or will your claim be added to a pile to be assigned to the law firm's paralegals and case managers? The attorney you choose should be directly involved in your claim every step of the way.

4. Will Be Available By Phone and Email

The attorney you choose should also be available to you by phone and email. If you have questions to ask or information to share, you shouldn't have to wait days (or longer) to get in touch.

5. Available to Work On Your Claim Immediately

By some estimates, up to one million individuals and families could file claims under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act during its two-year filing window. This means that there is a good chance of a substantial backlog. If your attorney can work on your claim immediately, this will help ensure that you receive just compensation as quickly as possible.

Does Martin and Jones Take Camp Lejeune Cases?

Our firm is handling Camp Lejeune cases on behalf of veterans, contractors, family members, and others nationwide. We have decades of experience handling claims against the government, and we have helped our clients recover millions of dollars in financial compensation. Additionally, with offices in Raleigh, we are just a few miles from the federal court assigned to handle *all* Camp Lejeune Justice Act lawsuits.

When you choose our firm to represent you, you will receive a free and confidential consultation, and you won't pay anything unless you win. Our lawyers and professional staff will work tirelessly to represent you, and we will work closely with you to seek the largest possible settlement or verdict on your behalf.

Why Hire Us for Your Camp Lejeune Justice Act Lawsuit?

If you have a claim, why hire a lawyer? Why not file your Camp Lejeune water contamination claim on your own? Here are just some of the reasons why it is *extremely* important to hire a lawyer to represent you:

• You must prove your eligibility. Even if you are clearly entitled to compensation, it is still up to you to prove it. If you don't sufficiently prove your eligibility, the government *will* deny your claim.

- You must prove the value of your claim. The government isn't going to calculate your losses for you, and there is no benefit schedule or "standard" amount of compensation. Instead, it is up to you to prove your current *and future* losses.
- You will need to either negotiate a settlement or go to court. Camp Lejeune Justice Act claims have three potential outcomes: (i) settlement, (ii) court verdict in your favor, or (iii) denial. To obtain just compensation, claimants will need to either successfully negotiate with the government's attorneys or successfully present their claims at trial.

Get Started with a Free Consultation

Do you need a Camp Lejeune law firm? If so, we encourage you to contact us for your free and confidential consultation. To speak with an attorney about your legal rights as soon as possible, call 800-662-1234 or contact us now.

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