

# Veterans and Family Members Need an Experienced Camp Lejeune Water Contamination Attorney

For U.S. Marines and their families, dealing with risk is a part of life. Marines sign up to serve our country, and they do so knowing that this could mean putting themselves in harm's way. While Marines and their families expect risks in combat, they generally don't expect risks at home. This is what makes the water contamination at Camp Lejeune all the more troubling. If you need help with your claim, contact our Camp Lejeune Water Contamination Attorneys today.

From 1953 to 1987, the water at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina was contaminated with multiple volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These VOCs left hundreds of thousands – and potentially more than a million – individuals suffering from a variety of serious illnesses. While limited benefits have been available to affected veterans and their families through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), eligible claimants can now recover additional compensation with the help of a Camp Lejeune water contamination attorney.

## Why Hire an Attorney to File Your Claim Under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022?

Enacted in August 2022, the [Camp Lejeune Justice Act](#) established a new source of financial recovery for veterans, contractors, family members, and other individuals affected by the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune.



### **What Caused the Water Contamination at Camp Lejeune?**

The water at Camp Lejeune was contaminated for an *extremely* long time—for more than 34 years from August 1, 1953 to December 31, 1987. One of the primary issues leading to the contamination at Camp Lejeune was that oil and industrial waste entered the groundwater. Government investigators also concluded that a dry cleaning business was dumping chemicals on the ground and that these chemicals were able to enter the water supply as well.

## **Chemical Waste in Camp Lejeune's Water**

The water contamination at Camp Lejeune was the result of chemical waste. Specifically, federal investigators identified four VOCs in Camp Lejeune's water linked to hazardous chemicals and the degradation of military, commercial, and consumer products:

- Benzene
- Tetrachloroethylene
- Trichloroethylene
- Vinyl chloride

Each of these contaminants is known to present human health risks, both as a result of skin contact and as a result of consumption.

## **Injuries Caused By Camp Lejeune's Contaminated Water**

Several injuries and illnesses have been linked to Camp Lejeune's contaminated water. This includes a variety of skin conditions and internal disorders, as well as multiple forms of cancer and other injuries. Tragically, many mothers who bathed or drank the water at Camp Lejeune have experienced miscarriages and given birth to children with birth defects as well. Some examples of the conditions caused by Camp Lejeune's contaminated water include:

- Bladder cancer
- Brain cancer
- Breast cancer
- Cardiac defects
- Cervical cancer
- Esophageal cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Leukemia
- Liver disease
- Lung cancer
- Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Ovarian cancer
- Pancreatic cancer

- Parkinson's disease
- Prostate cancer
- Rectal cancer
- Scleroderma

## How Can an Attorney Help Me with a Camp Lejeune Claim?

If you think you may have a Camp Lejeune claim, there are several important reasons to hire an attorney to represent you. **When you hire a Camp Lejeune water contamination attorney at Martin & Jones, your attorney will:**

### 1. Make Sure You Are Eligible to File

Before we do anything else, we will assess your eligibility to file a claim under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022. Once we determine that you are eligible, we will work with you to gather the documentation we need to prove your eligibility. This includes documentation of your time at Camp Lejeune and documentation of your medical condition. You can expect to be in touch with your Camp Lejeune water contamination attorney throughout this process.

### 2. Prove How Much You Are Entitled to Recover

Along with gathering the documentation, we need to prove your eligibility, we will also work with you to prove how much you are entitled to recover. The Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 provides "appropriate relief for harm that was caused by exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune." Our attorneys will calculate your financial and non-financial losses, and we will make sure we have the evidence we need to seek just compensation on your behalf.

### 3. Handle the Administrative Process on Your Behalf

The Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 requires all claimants to go through an administrative process. Our lawyers will handle this process for you, while keeping you updated and informed every step of the way.

### 4. Advise You Regarding Settlement Options

At some point during your Camp Lejeune water contamination claim, you may receive a settlement offer from the federal government. If this happens, your Camp Lejeune water contamination attorney at Martin & Jones will advise you regarding whether you should accept. Your attorney will explain how much you will take home if you accept, and your attorney will help you decide whether it is in your best interests to reject the government's offer and keep

fighting for more.

## 5. Take Your Claim to Court if Necessary

Under the Act, all Camp Lejeune water contamination lawsuits must be filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. A Martin & Jones attorney will file on your behalf and assist you through the litigation process.

## 6. Represent You At No Out-of-Pocket Cost

At Martin & Jones, we are handling all Camp Lejeune water contamination claims at no out-of-pocket cost to our clients. As our client, you will not have to pay anything upfront or while your case is pending, and you will not have to pay anything *at all* unless we help you recover just compensation.

When looking for an experienced Camp Lejeune water contamination lawyer, it is important to do your research. While *lots* of law firms are advertising that they handle Camp Lejeune water contamination claims, some of these law firms are more well-equipped than others. At Martin & Jones, our lawyers have decades of experience handling claims against the government, and we have a proven [record of success](#).

## Talk to a Camp Lejeune Water Contamination Attorney for Free

If you would like to speak with a Camp Lejeune water contamination attorney about your legal rights, we encourage you to contact us promptly. To schedule a free, no-obligation consultation as soon as possible, call 800-662-1234 or [tell us how we can reach you online](#) now.