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Introduction

It is an honor to be able to present this information to you. If you are reading this book, chances are that you are researching your or someone else's rights relating to a toxic water claim from exposure at Camp Lejeune. That means that you or a loved one served at Camp Lejeune. Thank you for your service! We cannot say it enough – to you, your family or whomever served, we want to say many thanks.

Our North Carolina based injury law firm has proudly represented many Veterans and their families during the almost 30 years we have been serving the communities of North Carolina and South Carolina. We understand the commitments and sacrifices that our men and women in uniform make, and we are always grateful for the opportunity to serve our Veterans and their families.

Recently it has made national headlines that injured Veterans and their family members will be able to finally seek compensation against the United States government for injuries related to toxic water exposure at Camp Lejeune. In 2022, the President of the United States of America signed a law that will give Camp Lejeune toxic water exposure victims the ability to bring lawsuits for their damages – even if the exposure was from many years ago. It is about time!

It is almost unimaginable that our own service members and their families could have been exposed to dangerous chemicals by simply using the water from Camp Lejeune. It is even more unimaginable to realize that it took our government so long to do anything about it. While the toxic water exposure has been known for quite some time, it is only in 2022 that victims of the toxic water from Camp Lejeune are finally able to seek legal recourse through the above-listed law.

If you are looking for general, helpful, and concise information about the Camp Lejeune toxic water claims process, this book is for you. Initially when we began researching this topic, we reviewed a lot of material from the United States government and the media. We quickly realized that putting this book together would be helpful to a lot of people. That is our goal here – we want to help!

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We know that suffering an injury because of someone else is an exceedingly demanding thing to go through. We understand that no one ever calls an injury lawyer because something good has happened – it is the opposite of course! Camp Lejeune injury claims are no different in that way, because not only have Camp Lejeune injury victims had to wait so many years for help, but there is also a lot of confusion about what the process of moving forward with a claim looks like. Part of this book's information is specifically geared to answering those concerns.

We hope to be able to give you an idea of what this process is like, while also letting you know some of the history behind what went wrong at Camp Lejeune. This includes information about the recent legislation that was passed to help the victims of toxic water exposure at Camp Lejeune. We will also discuss the numerous medical conditions that may qualify for compensation. Additionally, issues such as the benefits of hiring an attorney, the types of compensation available, and a chapter comprised of frequently asked questions rounds out this discussion.

We hope this book will answer your questions and we hope that you will read this book and know that you are not alone in your fight for justice. Not only are there plenty of victims out there in your same position, but there are also lawyers and plenty of resources available to you in your fight to be compensated for your injuries. We want to help and hope that you will let us know if there are any additional questions specific to your situation that you need answered. Please let us know, and we will do everything we can to get you the answers you deserve. Even if this book only helps one person, our efforts will be well worth the time to put this together.

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Toxic Water Background

The background of the Camp Lejeune toxic water controversy could be a book itself, as this problem was discovered many years ago and many people have since written about it. While serious mistakes were made and many people have been significantly injured as a result, the background of the contamination is not prominently focused on in our guide, as we hope to focus on the injury claims themselves.

A great resource for information on this situation is the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry or ATSDR. For this brief section on background information, we borrow heavily from their website and research which can be accessed at: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/lejeune/background.html>

In 1942, U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina was established. It was not until 40 years later in 1982 when the Marine Corps found contamination. They found what they refer to as specific volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the drinking water provided by two of the eight water treatment plants on base.

The water from the Tarawa Terrace water treatment plant was primarily contaminated by perchloroethylene/tetrachloroethylene or PCE. The primary suspected source of the contamination was the waste disposal practices at ABC One-Hour Cleaners; a dry-cleaning business located off-base. ATSDR used a data analysis and modeling approach to reconstruct historical contaminant concentrations. Using these approaches, ATSDR estimated that PCE concentrations exceeded the current EPA maximum contaminant level of 5 ppb in drinking water from the Tarawa Terrace water treatment plant for 346 months during November 1957-February 1987. The most contaminated wells were shut down in February 1985.

Water from the Hadnot Point water treatment plant was contaminated primarily by TCE (trichloroethylene). Other contaminants in the drinking water included PCE and benzene and TCE degradation products *trans*-1,2-DCE (t-1,2-dichloroethylene) and vinyl chloride. Supply wells were contaminated by multiple sources: leaking underground storage tanks, industrial area spills, and waste

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disposal sites. ATSDR modeled the contamination and estimated that at least one VOC exceeded its current EPA maximum contaminant level in drinking water during August 1953 and January 1985.

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The Law

In 2022, the United States Senate passed “PACT” legislation that included the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, which was previously passed by the United States House of Representatives. The following text is the actual law that was later signed by the President of the United States in August of 2022:

SEC. 804. FEDERAL CAUSE OF ACTION RELATING TO WATER AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022”.

(b) IN GENERAL.—An individual, including a veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code), or the legal representative of such an individual, who resided, worked, or was otherwise exposed (including in utero exposure) for not less than 30 days during the period beginning on August 1, 1953, and ending on December 31, 1987, to water at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, that was supplied by, or on behalf of, the United States may bring an action in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina to obtain appropriate relief for harm that was caused by exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune.

(c) BURDENS AND STANDARD OF PROOF.—

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(1) IN GENERAL.—The burden of proof shall be on the party filing the action to show one or more relationships between the water at Camp Lejeune and the harm.

(2) STANDARDS.—To meet the burden of proof described in paragraph (1), a party shall produce evidence showing that the relationship between exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune and the harm is—

(A) sufficient to conclude that a causal relationship exists; or

(B) sufficient to conclude that a causal relationship is at least as likely as not.

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(d) EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION AND VENUE.—The United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any action filed under subsection (b), and shall be the exclusive venue for such an action. Nothing in this subsection shall impair the right of any party to a trial by jury.

(e) EXCLUSIVE REMEDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual, or legal representative of an individual, who brings an action under this section for a harm described in subsection (b), including a latent disease, may not thereafter bring a tort action against the United States for such harm pursuant to any other law.

(2) HEALTH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS RELATING TO WATER EXPOSURE.—Any award made to an individual, or legal representative of an individual, under this section shall be offset by the amount of any disability award, payment, or benefit provided to the individual, or legal representative—

(A) under—

(i) any program under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

(ii) the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.); or

(iii) the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.); and

(B) in connection with health care or a disability relating to exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune.

(f) IMMUNITY LIMITATION.—The United States may not assert any claim to immunity in an action under this section that would otherwise be available under section 2680(a) of title 28, United States Code.

(g) NO PUNITIVE DAMAGES.—Punitive damages may not be awarded in any action under this section.

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(h) DISPOSITION BY FEDERAL AGENCY REQUIRED.—An individual may not bring an action under this section before complying with section 2675 of title 28, United States Code.

(i) EXCEPTION FOR COMBATANT ACTIVITIES.—This section does not apply to any claim or action arising out of the combatant activities of the Armed Forces.

(j) APPLICABILITY; PERIOD FOR FILING.—

(1) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply only to a claim accruing before the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—A claim in an action under this section may not be commenced after the later of—

(A) the date that is two years after the date of enactment of this Act; or

(B) the date that is 180 days after the date on which the claim is denied under section 2675 of title 28, United States Code.

(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER LIMITATIONS.—Any applicable statute of repose or statute of limitations, other than under paragraph (2), shall not apply to a claim under this section.

Takeaways from the Camp Lejeune Law

There are several things that anyone with a potential Camp Lejeune toxic water claim needs to know. First, the law sets up a requirement that anyone bringing an action in this matter must have been at Camp Lejeune between the time period of August 1, 1953, to December 31, 1987, and must have been there for 30 days during this time period.

Please be mindful that this does not just apply to Veterans, but also their family members that were also living or staying at Camp Lejeune between those above-listed dates. So, anyone that was there during those times for at least 30 days will have met this initial requirement.

Another thing to know about this law is what it did once it was passed. You may have heard of something called the statute of limitations. The statute of limitations serves as a legal defense that a party may use against another in court. It is a time limit on how long someone has to bring their lawsuit. This amount of time varies by jurisdiction, and it prevents people from waiting too long to bring their case in to court.

Until recently, anyone with a Camp Lejeune toxic water claim would not have the legal ability to bring an action, because their statute of limitations had mostly expired. If they had brought a lawsuit, the defense to it would have been that the statute of limitations had long expired since anyone lived or worked there in 1987.

This new law explicitly renews the statute for anyone with a claim. Please note that the new time limit on bringing a claim is two years from the date that law was enacted. Per the new law, injury victims have until August of 2024 to bring a suit; however, it would be best to be safe and move forward sooner rather than later. Also, please make sure you speak to an experienced injury lawyer to confirm the appropriate statute of limitations applicable to your individual situation.

This law also defines the appropriate jurisdiction for bringing a Camp Lejeune toxic water case. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of North

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Carolina has jurisdiction over the Camp Lejeune toxic water cases. This means that whether you live in North Carolina or Kansas or any other state, these cases are going to be filed in federal court in the Eastern District of North Carolina. Please do not worry if you live far away from the Eastern District of North Carolina. An experienced attorney will be able to handle most parts of your case without you having to travel to North Carolina. In some cases, people may have their cases resolved successfully for them without ever coming to North Carolina or court. Remember, every case is different, and no two cases are alike. We cannot predict what will happen, however many times cases are resolved without going to court. This could happen in these cases as well. Only time will tell.

Additionally, the new Camp Lejeune law also indicates that successful cases resulting in compensation from the United States government can result in what is called an offset. This means that the government could get back some money from people who have successful Camp Lejeune cases but who have also previously received benefits (VA benefits, Medicare, social security disability) in relation to injuries and health care connected to Camp Lejeune water contamination injuries. This means that you cannot get a double recovery or “double dip.”

The new Camp Lejeune law also prevents a jury from being able to consider punitive damages in these cases. This means that besides awarding compensation to the injured people bringing the lawsuit, no one can award punitive damages to the injury victims for the purpose of punishing the government and sending a message – which is what punitive damages are for.

What Happens If I Hire an Attorney

If you decide to hire an attorney, your attorneys will have a lot of work to do. The first part of these types of cases is generally an investigation and an effort to collect as much information as possible. Your attorneys will need to gather documentation of your service / living at Camp Lejeune. Some of this information may be provided by the clients and some may have to be collected or requested from various sources.

Once the attorneys have reviewed the information and signed off on meeting the necessary requirements for bringing a Camp Lejeune claim, they will have to prepare, file, and serve a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. This is what starts the process known as litigation. What happens next will depend on what happens in the future. For instance, if this were a regular lawsuit, we could just explain that the next step is the discovery process. Which means both sides getting an opportunity to review the other's documents and evidence. Also, during discovery you may have to go through depositions, or ask/answer questions under oath, or request specific documents from the other side.

However, with the expected volume of potential cases to be filed, it is possible that these cases could be handled/processed differently. In situations referred to as Mass Tort cases, you often have so many cases involving the same defendant, the cases are consolidated and handled under one court. The goal of this is judicial economy and trying to move the cases through in a timely and efficient manner. In most mass tort cases; most plaintiffs never make it to a jury trial. In most cases, the cases are resolved through mediation or negotiated settlements without having to go through all the phases of litigation.

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You need to also understand that even though everyone will be working hard to resolve these cases as quickly as possible, there is no way to predict what exactly will happen with your case. What you must remember is that if you do decide to hire an attorney to help with your case, your attorney will work hard to do everything they can to resolve your case for you as soon as they can. However, because there are so many other factors that impact the cases and the way they move through the court system, it would be inappropriate to speculate as to how long your specific case will take to resolve.

Remember, your attorneys will be working hard to help resolve your case and they will gladly update you on it as well. Every case is different and the way in which one person's case may resolve can be completely different from how another person's case resolves. Do not compare your case to someone else's case and do not expect that your results will be the same as someone else's. If you ever have questions, your attorney's office is just a call away. Always let them know if you have any questions.

Camp Lejeune Facts

Camp Lejeune's history dates to 1940. At that time, America was involved in World War II. A location was being sought by the US military to train amphibious forces on the east coast. The Department of the Navy initially purchased 110,000 acres (about half the area of San Antonio, Texas) of land near coastal North Carolina. The land was close to the ports at Wilmington and Morehead City, and logistically desirable.

On April 5, 1941, the United States Congress approved 14 million dollars for the construction of the base at that coastal North Carolina location. On May 1, 1941, Lieutenant Colonel William P.T. Hill was ordered by the 17th Commandant, Lieutenant General (then Major General) Thomas Holcomb, to establish and assume command of the base, then known as Marine Barracks New River, N.C.

By the end of 1942, the base was named Marine Barracks Camp Lejeune to honor Major General John A. Lejeune. He was the 13th Commandant and Commanding General of the 2nd Army Division in World War I. In 1944, it was renamed Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

People have trained at Camp Lejeune to fight wars in the Pacific Islands, Korea, Vietnam, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Camp Lejeune has also served to train and deploy Marines for peacekeeping in Lebanon, tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel missions, drug interdiction missions and noncombatant evacuation operations as well. Camp Lejeune and the satellite facilities at Camp Geiger, Camp Johnson, Courthouse Bay, Stone Bay and the Greater Sandy Run Training Area have an historic value that goes beyond their national strategic importance.

Camp Lejeune is comprised of 156,000 acres (about half the area of San Antonio, Texas), 11 miles of beach capable of supporting amphibious operations, 34-gun positions, 50 tactical landing zones, three state-of-the-art training facilities for Military Operations in Urban Terrain and 80 live fire ranges to include the Greater Sandy Run Training Area. Military forces from around the world come to Camp Lejeune on a regular basis for bilateral and NATO-sponsored exercises.

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The base and surrounding community is home to an active duty, dependent, retired, and civilian employee population of almost 150,000 people. The base generates \$3 billion in commerce each year, coming from payrolls and contracts to support the structure required to train and equip Marines. Camp Lejeune is a seven-time recipient of the Commander-in-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence.

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What You Have to Prove

If you have read through this book, you have probably already asked yourself what you need to prove your case. It is a great question, and since there has been a lot of talk about the different conditions that are linked to toxic water contamination at Camp Lejeune, this aspect of the case can be confusing.

The burden of proof shall be on the party filing the action to show one or more relationships between the water at Camp Lejeune and the harm. Specifically, the new Camp Lejeune law says that the party filing their lawsuit must produce evidence showing that the relationship between exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune and the harm is:

- (A) sufficient to conclude that a causal relationship exists; or
- (B) sufficient to conclude that a causal relationship is at least as likely as not.

So, just filing an action and showing that you were at Camp Lejeune during the required time period for the required time of 30 days is not enough to prove your case. You will have to show that the harm you suffered is connected to the water at Camp Lejeune. Part of the challenge of meeting the burden of proof will be met by collecting medical records and service records. Your records can prove that you have a specific medical condition that you believe is connected to your exposure to water from Camp Lejeune during the relevant time period and length of time.

Prior to the Camp Lejeune law being passed, the VA has recognized certain conditions that are believed to be presumptively related to service and living at Camp Lejeune during the applicable time period and for the required length of time. Anyone with these specific conditions is in an advantageous position to have a compelling case if they were at Camp Lejeune during the specific time period for at least 30 days. By showing this information to the Court in your Camp Lejeune law suit filing you will fighting to meet the required burden discussed above.

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Applicable Health Conditions

Before listing the health conditions that the majority of plaintiffs are expected to suffer from, please note that this list does not necessarily include every health condition and every injury that could result in a favorable result. If you were exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune during this time period, and you were there for at least 30 days, please do not give up or assume that you do not have a case if you do not see your condition listed. Please make sure that you run your information by an attorney first. Some conditions may still be accepted, so again, please talk to a lawyer before assuming that you do not have a case.

The following conditions have been linked to Camp Lejeune toxic water contamination:

- Leukemia
- Aplastic Anemia and More Myelodysplastic Syndromes
- Birth Defects
- Bladder Cancer
- Esophageal Cancer
- Female Infertility
- Kidney Cancer

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- Liver Cancer
- Lung Cancer
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Parkinson's Disease
- Renal Failure (Permanent)
- Death
- Scleroderma
- Appendix Cancer
- Brain Cancer
- Bile Duct Cancer
- Colorectal Cancer

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- Gallbladder Cancer
- Intestinal Cancer
- Prostate Cancer
- Sinus Cancer
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma
- Spinal Cancer
- Thyroid Cancer
- Breast Cancer
- Hepatic Steatosis (Fatty Liver Disease)
- Miscarriage
- Neurobehavioral Effects

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The following are the conditions that are presumed to be connected to Camp Lejeune toxic water. If you have these conditions and served at Camp Lejeune during the applicable time period, for at least 30 days, you may have a compelling case. If your condition is not on this list, you may still have a case too, please make sure you speak to an attorney about the facts of your individual situation.

- Adult leukemia
- Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
- Bladder cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease

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Frequently Asked Questions

How long will this take?

We will never be able to guess how long someone's case may take before it is resolved. Every case is different, and some cases may take longer than others. Please understand that our law firm wants to resolve your case as soon as possible. We understand the significance of what compensation for injury cases means to our clients. Additionally, attorneys in this line of work will not be able to receive their payment for their work until your case is resolved. So, everyone working on these cases wants your case to be resolved as soon as possible. Please do not listen to anyone that makes guarantees or guesses about your case. Be prepared to wait and be patient. Some cases may take several years before the clients ever receive any compensation.

How much is my case worth?

Another great question that we cannot answer at the initial state of taking someone's case. We will probably know more about this matter as the cases move forward and begin to settle. Again, please do not listen to anyone that guarantees you a certain amount of money or promises a specific outcome. That type of conduct is unethical and not in the best interest of people looking for legitimate information about their prospective Camp Lejeune case.

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How can I afford to hire an attorney for this matter?

Unlike attorneys that charge a flat fee or an hourly rate, all the work on the Camp Lejeune cases will be done on contingency. That means that you do not have to come up with any money up front to get our office to start working on your case. After you speak to someone in our office about your case, we can speak with you directly about our contingency agreement and how our attorneys working on these cases will only be paid if there is a successful case resolution.

How long do I have to pursue this case?

The Camp Lejeune Law that was signed into law this year establishes that potential claimants and Camp Lejeune injury victims will have two years from the date of the signing of the law to bring their case. So, time is ticking. Please speak to an attorney about your case and how long you have to bring your action before time runs out. Remember, without this new law being signed, time had run out on these claims many years ago. This new law gives potential victims a second change to bring their case to court. This new law was signed in the summer of 2022, so again, please make sure that you speak to an attorney about your individual case as soon as possible.

What can I expect to get compensation for?

Does bringing this action entitle me to V.A. benefits if my case is successful?

No. The cases that our office is handling are specific to injury claims associated with the toxic water at Camp Lejeune. If you are not already receiving benefits from the V.A., please make sure you speak to a V.A. disability attorney as soon as possible. You may be entitled to benefits that you are not even receiving. If you would like a referral to a V.A. disability attorney, please contact our office. We work with several very well-known V.A. disability attorneys that we can put you in contact with.

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What about a case for someone that is no longer alive?

Yes, it may be possible to bring a case on behalf of someone that is no longer living. Depending on the facts of the potential case, we may be able to help. Please call our office for a free case evaluation, we would be happy to see if we can help!

I was at Camp Lejeune during the applicable time, but I was a spouse or a child of a service member, can you still help me?

Yes, the Camp Lejeune Law also applies to spouses and children of service members that were injured because of exposure to toxic water at Camp Lejeune. We can help. Please call us for a free case evaluation.

Conversations with Camp Lejeune Injury Victims

Our office has been fielding calls from Camp Lejeune injury victims for several months, as of the writing of this guide. While all our conversations with all our prospective clients are 100 percent confidential, we thought it would be helpful to highlight some of the themes we encounter when we speak to prospective clients calling about their potential Camp Lejeune case.

It is common for injury victims to be mad at their situation. Many of the people that we have spoken to about their potential cases have shown a lot of emotion during our conversations. Many are upset that they were injured while serving our country. Some of them feel betrayed by the government. Others are confused and not sure what they want to do about bringing a potential case.

When we speak to an injured veteran or their family member, we try to answer as many questions as we can and give them the best information that we can. However, we want them to leave their call with our office knowing that they have options and that they are not alone in the fight. Prospective clients also learn that we are not pushy, and we will not sell them on working with us. We want them to feel good about making the decision to hire our firm and under no circumstances do we want anyone to feel pressured or obligated. That is not how we do things.

Outside of the anger, confusion, and fear that many of the Camp Lejeune victims relay to our office when we speak, we also hear relief when they learn about their options for bringing a Camp Lejeune claim. Not only are they happy to learn about the possible compensation and opportunity to receive justice, but they are also happy and relieved to learn that after speaking with us and making the decision to hire an attorney, they are no longer alone in their fight. Having someone to work hard for them without any risk or up-front payments is something that many people are happy about.

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A Brief Call to Our Office

Some prospective clients have previously advised that they were nervous about calling an attorney about their potential Camp Lejeune Case. If you are reading this guide and you are nervous about calling, let us use this opportunity to put your mind at ease about how this process works.

First, when you call, we will initially ask you for your contact information. After, we will connect you with an attorney or intake specialist in our office to gather some additional information from you. Specifically, we will ask about you or your loved one's time living and working at Camp Lejeune. As previously mentioned, Camp Lejeune injury claimants must have served at Camp Lejeune during the specific period of time.

Additionally, the attorney or intake specialist will ask you about your or your loved one's health condition(s) and injuries believed to be attributable to the time living and working at Camp Lejeune. Similarly, like the issue of the time when presence at Camp Lejeune is required to have a viable Camp Lejeune injury claim, injury victims must have certain diagnosed medical conditions to have a successful Camp Lejeune injury claim.

Talking about these medical conditions can be upsetting and stressful. Please note that while this information is consequential for every Camp Lejeune injury claim, we will do whatever we can to make sure that you are comfortable speaking with us. Additionally, sometimes people may have trouble with describing their injuries or not have the necessary information. If this happens when you call, please do not worry. We can help you find the information we need, and we can always schedule a follow-up call to get any additional information that may not be available when you initially call. The bottom line: We are here to help!

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Closing with Final Thoughts

Every day that we get to protect the rights of the injured is a fulfilling day. When we are contacted by potential clients, we often do so at a very dark time in their lives. We see people that are hurt, lost and in need of help and we take pride in trying to help them. In many situations we see a different person/client when their case is resolved.

They are no longer lost, and, in most cases, they are relieved. We take an immense sense of pride in knowing that we were a part of their recovery. We are grateful for their gratitude and their kind words. If you are reading this book because you or someone that you know may be suffering from an injury related to toxic water exposure at Camp Lejeune, please know that we are sorry and that we are here to try and help.

The information in this book should not be taken as an attempt to answer every issue or question that a potential client may have, but it should be a guide designed to shine a light on some of the most common conversations that we have with our prospective clients every day. We answer these same questions every day when people call us. We will do the same for you.

If you or a loved one suffered harm after being exposed to toxic water at Camp Lejeune you may have lots questions, such as:

- Who will pay for my medical bills?
- How long will such a case take?
- Am I entitled to compensation for lost wages?
- How will I pay for my future medical care?

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- Who will pay for my loved one's funeral expenses?
- Can I be compensated for loss of enjoyment of life?
- What damages does the law allow me to claim?
- How long do I have to file a claim?
- Do I need to get my medical records?
- Can I get punitive damages?

A qualified injury law firm that is working on Camp Lejeune toxic water claims can help you answer these questions. You may be entitled to compensation that could reimburse you for economic damages and other compensable losses.

Your journey to a fair outcome begins with retaining the right lawyers – professionals who understand how to obtain fair compensation for their clients; lawyers with systems and processes in place to keep you up to date about your case's status and clear about your options.

The injury lawyers at Auger Law have experience fighting and obtaining successful results for clients that have been injured due to the negligence of others. Over the years, our firm has secured over \$50 million for injury victims and their families.

At Auger Law, we offer a free initial case evaluation with one of our attorneys or intake specialists. A case evaluation allows us to review the specifics of your claim. We take our cases on a contingency-fee basis. We do not get paid unless there is a successful resolution in your case.

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get started with your free initial consultation today, contact us at (800) 559-5741. We are available to talk 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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