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# Camp Lejeune Toxic water litigation

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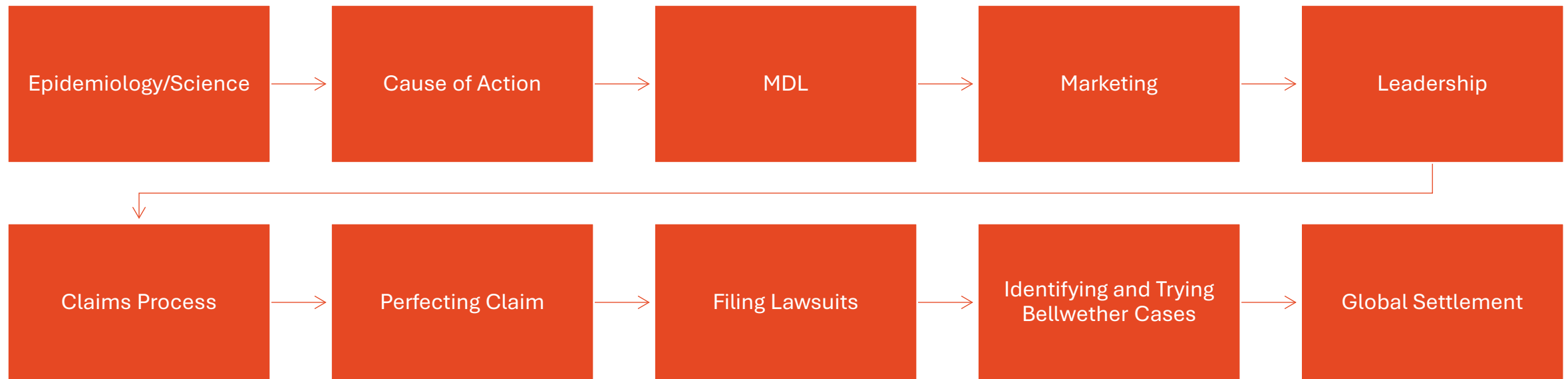
# Military Justice Attorneys

*Military Mass Torts*



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# Breaking Down the largest mass tort in American history







# Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry

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# **2017 ATSDR Public Health Assessment of the drinking water at CLNC**

Marines and Naval personnel, residents (including infants and children), and civilian workers were exposed to trichloroethylene (TCE), tetrachloroethylene (PCE), dichloroethylene (DCE), vinyl chloride, benzene, and other contaminants in the drinking water at Camp Lejeune from the 1950s through February 1985. Exposures to these chemicals increase the risks for cancers, birth defects, and other health-related problems.

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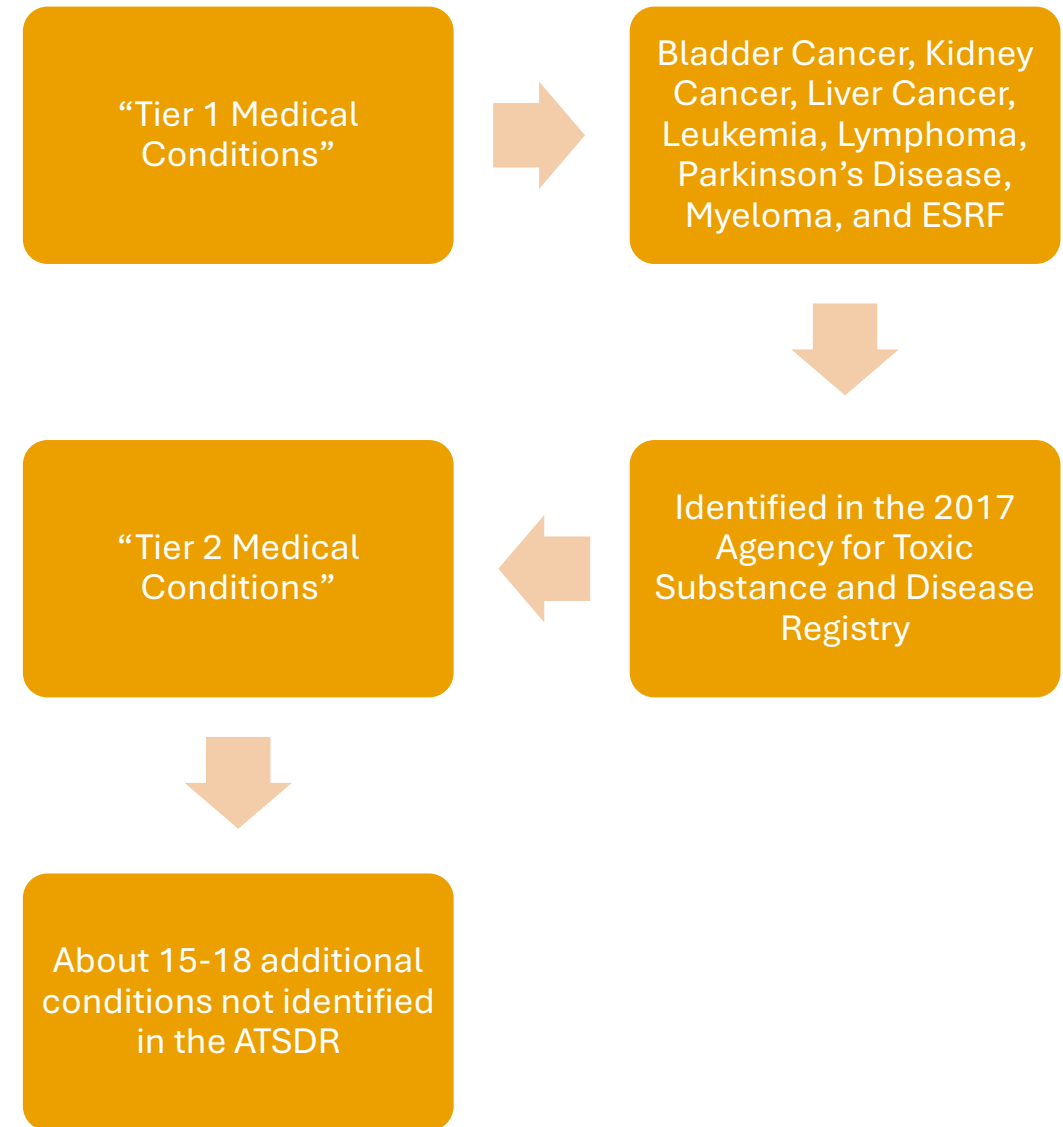
# Camp Lejeune Justice Act §804(b)

*“[a]n individual, including a veteran, or the legal representative of such an individual, who resided, worked, or was other wise **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.”*



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# Medical Criteria



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**How do Plaintiff Attorneys  
find Marine Veterans who  
were stationed at Camp  
Lejeune?**

*Answer: Marketing*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





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# Leadership Group

Huge firms

Sharing of Cost, Staff, Risk,  
Expertise

Appointed by the Court

Handle all litigation

Common Benefit

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# OJAG Torts Claim Unit

Ingested over 550,000 claims submitted between August 2022 to August 2024.

Created a claims portal that allows pro se claimants and attorneys to file claims and substantiation

Claims Injury and Demand

Navy “Elective Option” Program

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**Building your  
case for  
exposure with  
decades of  
latency**

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# Filing a Federal Lawsuit

Narrative v. Short Form

Know your case

Only file your very best cases

Advocate for your client

Why should my client be Bellwether?

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# Global Settlement

Grid System



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Medical Criteria

Level of Exposure

Escalators