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CAMP LEJEUNE WATER CONTAMINATION LAWSUIT

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As our avid readers know, we normally do not spend a lot of time on legal issues in this newsletter. However, President Biden recently signed legislation that allows individuals who were injured by water contamination at Camp Lejeune, the U.S. Marine Corps base, to seek damages. Since our inception, the Dellutri Law Group has always supported our troops. We've had the privilege of representing many veterans over our 25-year history. We pride ourselves on being there to help those who sacrificed to preserve liberty and freedom.

Nothing can be more important now than helping those victims who served in the military, their spouses and children, and/ or civilians who worked at Camp Lejeune between August 1953 and December 1987. If you know anyone who spent time at Camp Lejeune during that time frame, it is imperative that they have their health checked immediately. If they are suffering from serious illness or have passed away, there is a limited time to bring a claim under this legislation.

The legislation allows those victims who unknowingly drank contaminated water to make a claim for their injuries.

The Dellutri Law Group is investigating claims nationwide. So, if you have a loved one who lives in another state, please get this information into their hands. Even if you don't know anyone personally, please share this information with everyone you know so that they can file a claim for their injuries. If they fail to make a claim before the deadline, they could be locked out forever.

> Have them visit DellutriLawGroup.com/ CampLejeune to learn more details about the upcoming contamination lawsuits.

The 6 Magic Words I Love to Hear: 'Why Don't You Call My Lawyer?'

Every once in a while, I meet a client and we form an instant bond. It happened not too long ago with a man I'll call Bob. I can't say much about Bob's case because I signed a confidentiality agreement after we won it — but we'll say he was injured in a rather unique way.

After his accident, Bob called three different ambulance chasers for help, and every one of them turned down his case. He felt incredibly frustrated, so he vented about the experience to a friend.

The friend (I'll call him Tim) listened to Bob rant for a while. Then, he gave him a look and said, "So, Bob, now that you've wasted your time with those guys, why don't you call my lawyer?"

Of course, that lawyer was yours truly! When Bob agreed to tell me his story, Tim called me up right then and there.

"Hey, Carmen," he said. "I'm sitting here with a friend of mine who was in an accident. He needs a lawyer, and he tried to get one, but three different guys turned him down. Can you help him? I told him you'd hear him out and wouldn't waste his time like those knuckleheads."

"I wish I could tell you exactly how much money we won, but I'm sworn to secrecy! Let's just say we settled Bob's case for a substantial, confidential amount."

Tim passed the phone over to Bob as soon as I said yes. It only took Bob a few minutes to share the basics of his case, and we set up a meeting at my office.

When I hung up the phone, I thought, "I have the best clients." It's incredible that people who have worked with my firm, like Tim, have

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Growing Together with You

the confidence to call us up out of the blue. They know we'll be at the top of our game and ready to do our best for their friends.

Now, the ball was in my court - so it was time to do some research! Tim put his faith in me, and I wouldn't let him down.

I dove deep into Bob's case, and we hit it off immediately when we met in person. I listened, asked him questions, and listened some more to understand his situation fully. The more we talked, the more common ground we found! By the end of the meeting, I knew I'd made a good friend.

"Okay, Bob," I said, looking him right in the eye. "Here's the deal. I think you have a case. It won't be easy, but I'm willing to fight for you where those other guys wouldn't. What do you say?"

Tim's trust in me paid off — Bob became my client that day, and I figured out a creative legal strategy to represent him. I wish I could tell you exactly how much money we won, but I'm sworn to secrecy! Let's just say we settled Bob's case for a substantial, confidential amount. He left our office fully compensated for his injuries. I'm sure next time one of his friends is in legal trouble, he'll be the one to say, "Why don't you call my lawyer?"

Those six magic words keep our firm in business.

Our clients send their friends, family, and coworkers to us because they believe in the "Dellutri Difference." We never turn down a case outright. Instead, we take the time to listen, learn, and review all the facts — even when no one else will.

Next time you're in Tim's shoes, do your friend a favor. Look over and say, "Why don't you call my lawyer?" I'll be waiting to pick up the phone.

-Carmen Dellutri

Should You Post on Social Media After an Accident?

So, you're driving down the road, thinking about what you're doing this weekend, when suddenly you are smacked from behind while sitting at a dead-stop for a red light. WHAT THE?! Your immediate reaction (after making sure everyone is okay, of course) might be to reach for your phone, tap the icon for Facebook, and let the world know some fool just hit you.

However, if you are involved in an accident and subsequent personal injury claim, what you post on social media can impact your case, which is why you should not post about:

- The car wreck
- Your injuries, treatment plan, or any other medical information
- Regrets (concerning the accident)
- "Check-ins" (i.e., information about where you are or what activities you are doing)
- The case itself

After an automobile collision, we ask all our clients to stay away from posting anything accident-related on social media. Here's why: Your social media accounts are not private. Even if you have privacy settings on your social media accounts, anything you post goes out into the public domain and is, therefore, discoverable by the insurance companies.

Insurance companies will use any information available to them to lower the value of your claim. If you post all over social media



about your injury claim, there may be other information in your social media posts that could help them keep money from you.

A young lady once said to one of our attorneys, "But social media is my life." We're not asking you to cut social media out of your life - just to be mindful of what you post. Remember, you can be on social media, but you can't post about the accident or your injuries.

Social Media Can Hurt Your Personal Injury Case

At Dellutri Law Group, we want to give our clients every advantage possible as we fight for fair compensation. So, as a general principle, we intentionally ask our clients to keep the details of their cases, the strategies we set forth, and any other case details private by not sharing them on social media. While it may seem old fashioned or overly cautious, some things are still better off not posted online.

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"Just very pleased with the whole progress. Ashley was always there to answer any questions we needed, and Carmen is very knowledgeable and helpful in many ways. Thanks again for your help to both of you and the whole team. Definitely recommend! Anyone who needs financial help, this is who to go to!"

-A.W. GOOGLE REVIEW, JULY 2022

DLG EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

We'll Miss Jackie!

Over the years, we've had amazing interns, and some have stuck around after their internships were completed to remain as an integral part of our team. Jackie Bradford is one of them! Jackie is part of the marketing team and manages our social media accounts as well as takes the lead on some of our campaigns and various projects. Jackie recently graduated from FGCU with a crimina justice and forensic studies degree.



We need your help with this next part of this spotlight. Jackie is actually heading up to FSU to start her graduate program and get her master's in criminology! We want to send her off with all the positive vibes we can muster and figured asking our newsletter readers was the best place! If you'd like to congratulate Jackie and help us with all the good vibes, email your well wishes to CarmenDellutri@DellutriLawGroup.com (so we can compile them for her) OR feel free to post on our social media accounts. She will see them immediately!

Congratulations Jackie, we are very excited for you!

A Huge Thank-You to **Our Referral Partners!**

Last month we had ...

- 31 referrals from friends, family, or previous clients
- 27 returning clients for a new matter
- 19 referrals from other attorneys
- 4 referrals from other professionals in town
- We sent out 93 referrals to our trusted referral partners

GREEN **BEAN AND** EGGPLANT **STIR-FRY**

Inspired by ThePlantBasedWok.com

In just 30 minutes, turn a pile of summer veggies into a Chinese-inspired dish.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Chinese eggplants, cut into 1/4-inch strips
- Salt, to taste
- 3 tbsp vegetable oil, divided
- 6 oz green beans, trimmed
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2-inch piece of ginger, thinly sliced
- 1 red chili pepper, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp vegan stir-fry sauce (like Lee Kum Kee Vegetarian)
- 1/8 tsp pepper

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large bowl, add the eggplant and coat with salt. Cover the eggplant with water and soak for 15 minutes. Drain and pat dry.
- 2. In a wok over medium heat, warm 2 tbsp of oil. Add the eggplant and fry for 4-5 minutes. Remove and set aside.
- 3. Add the remaining oil and green beans to the wok. Fry for 5 minutes, then remove and set aside.
- 4. Add garlic, ginger, and chili before stir-frying for 1 minute. Return the green beans and eggplant to the wok and add the soy sauce, vegan stir-fry sauce, and pepper. Toss to coat, then serve over rice!

What's the **Good News?**

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things."

PHILIPPIANS 4:8