FIGHTING FOR Camp Lejeune Victims

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Our Team

What has allowed us to achieve so much? The exceptional quality of our attorneys. We have a group of highly dedicated advocates who are passionate about doing whatever it takes for our clients.

They're experienced building cases of all sizes and using streamlined processes and technology to work efficiently and effectively.

Many of our attorneys are recognized professionals in their fields. They've won awards, authored books, and teach CLEs.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS & PROFESSIONAL RENOWN

On our team of 60+ attorneys you'll find:

- A past president of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice
- 🕂 🛛 A former state senator
- 11 attorneys recognized by the North Carolina State Bar as Board Certified Specialists in their field
- A graduate from Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College
- 🕂 🗛 🗛 A law school valedictorian
- Two former law professors
- 🕂 Several former federal law clerks
- Two Fellows of the American Bar Foundation (limited to one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction)

- Several attorneys who have authored manuals and/or taught Continuing Legal Education courses
- Four former Assistant Attorneys General for the North Carolina Department of Justice
- A three-time winner of *Best Lawyers'* "Lawyer of the Year" award (2015, 2017, 2022)*
- A Charter Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America
- A lawyer who was named one of the most influential lawyers in the state by *Business NC*

AWARDS



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The PACT Act

On August 10, 2022, the PACT Act was signed into law. This Act includes a number of new laws that expand benefits for veterans exposed to certain toxic substances. Among these laws is the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, which provides benefits for veterans, civilian contractors, and their families due to exposure to toxins in Camp Lejeune's water.

Anyone who lived, worked, or served at CL for at least 30 days **between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987** and developed health problems, may seek money from the government for medical bills, pain and suffering, and other damages.



A case brought under the PACT Act/ Camp Lejeune Justice Act WILL NOT IMPACT VA BENEFITS.



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History and Water Contamination

From 1953 to 1987, groundwater provided by several wells and two water treatment plants on the base was contaminated by cancer-causing chemicals, including benzene (a flammable constituent of crude oil) as well as multiple volatile organic compounds (VOC). These VOCs include trichloroethylene (a metal degreaser), perchloroethylene (a dry cleaning agent) and vinyl chloride. The wells were ultimately shut down in February 1985 – three years after the government admits they knew the water was not safe.

The water was contaminated by multiple toxins from both on and off base.

These chemicals are known carcinogens as well as known to cause many non-cancerous conditions. The government knew the water was contaminated for years, but took no action. Different chemicals contaminated different areas of the base at different times. Thus, it is important to establish when the claimant was there and precisely where they worked or lived, if possible.



Experienced Trial Lawyers

We have a team exclusively devoted to trying cases, most of whom are well experienced in complex federal and state court litigation. We're no strangers to the courtroom.

Our attorneys have faced many large entities in their careers, including banks, manufacturers, major oil companies, Fortune 500 companies, and the U.S. government.

The section is led by Coleman Cowan, a trial attorney and former *60 Minutes* producer, for which he holds two Emmy Awards. Recently Coleman won a record-breaking jury verdict in Hoke County, NC.

CAMP LEJEUNE LEAD ATTORNEY: Gary Jackson

Gary is **widely known and respected among both bench and bar**. He has tried cases in all of the three NC federal districts, and has extensive experience in all of them, including the EDNC. Gary has served as local and liaison counsel in scores of both federal and state cases and derivative actions over his 42 years of practice. He currently serves on the steering committee in the Dupont/Chemours class action before Judge Dever.



Former president of the NC trial lawyers' organization (NCAJ)

NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION

Former chair of the Litigation Section of the NC Bar Association



Many awards including "Top 100 Lawyers in NC," by NC Super Lawyers, 2013-2015*



45+ publications, CLEs, and speaking engagements



Coleman Cowan



JAMES FARRIN

Led In re Black Farmers Litigation and served as class counsel. Named as one of the most influential lawyers in the state by Business NC.



PAUL DICKINSON

Veteran trial attorney who represented civilian victims in the Blackwater Massacre case in Iraq.



KEVIN MAHONEY

Served as NC Special Deputy Attorney General, Western Office.



ERIC HAASE

Class counsel in In re Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation



STAN ABRAMS

Former Assistant Attorney General for the NC DOJ with 20+ years experience.



JASON CAMPBELL

Led one of the largest cases in NC DOJ history during tenure as an Assistant Attorney General for the NC DOJ.



KEN SACK Former Assistant Attorney General for the NC DOJ with 20+ years experience.



J. BRETT DAVIS

Experienced litigator with 25 years experience.



Veteran trial attorney licensed in both NC and SC.



TOM WILMOTH

Former police officer with experience on both sides of complex civil litigation and class action suits.



DANIEL SMITH

Former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of NC.



CHRIS BAGLEY Named to Best Lawyers' "Ones to Watch" list for Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Plaintiffs,

2020-2023.*



JEANINE SOUFAN

Created an eviction diversion program, representing hundreds facing homelessness.



ROSA BOATWRIGHT Diversity Committee Co-Chair & Communications Committee Member of NCAJ.



PRESTON LESLEY

Named to "Top 40 Under 40" list by *The National Trial Lawyers,* 2021*



KELLEY JOHNSON

Frequent media contact for comment on the Emergency or Disaster Treatment Protection law.



Valedictorian of her law school class.



BRADLEY ANDERTON

Served as an Assistant District Attorney of the 15th District of North Carolina



DONALD CLACK

Former U.S. Army Ranger and Sniper Team Leader with six years of military service, including combat in Afghanistan.

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From Attorney at Law cover story

Media Mentions

When the media wants answers, they come to us. We have been featured on public radio, interviewed on local TV, and appeared in nearly 100 newspapers and websites.



When four Blackwater contractors were pardoned for their roles in massacring Iraqi civilians, the media turned to us for answers. One of our attorneys, Paul Dickinson, represented the families of massacre victims in their quest for justice against Blackwater.



A North Carolina TV station wanted to better understand the link between **RoundUp and cancer,** so they asked one of our attorneys, Gary Jackson, who represented several of these clients.



Coleman Cowan, who leads our litigation team, was interviewed by the Raleigh's primary TV station about a situation involving sexual abuse against his client by a school's chief financial officer.



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We were voted the top place to work in our area for a company our size because our team — at all levels — cares. We care about our clients, we care about one another, and we care about doing quality work.

Clients consistently praise us for our exceptional service (just check out our Google reviews) and there's a reason so many of our cocounsel work with us repeatedly.

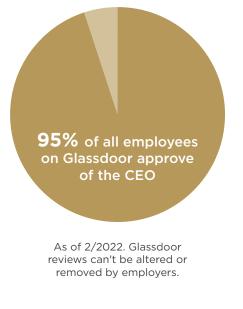
Our technology and streamlined processes mean that we communicate proactively with you so nothing gets lost in the shuffle.



OUR PURPOSE

"To provide quality legal services to as many people as possible."

Our purpose statement is a combination of quality work and volume. Many firms do well in one or the other. Our goal is to do both.



"The best part of James Scott Farrin are the people that are working there. They really care about you." — Client

"When I graduated from law school there was only one place I wanted to work: James Scott Farrin. For years, I have admired the firm for its values and service to others. It is an honor to work here." — Employee

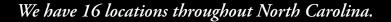


GIVING BACK

Giving back is important to us. We regularly volunteer and contribute monetarily to more than 30 different organizations.

Our attorneys contribute more than 1,500 hours in pro bono work a year. Last year, four were inducted into the North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society for their dedication to pro bono legal service.







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