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# September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund

**The events of September 11, 2001, are forever seared into our minds. The sadness, shock, anger, and numb feeling we had that day and the days after will never be forgotten.**

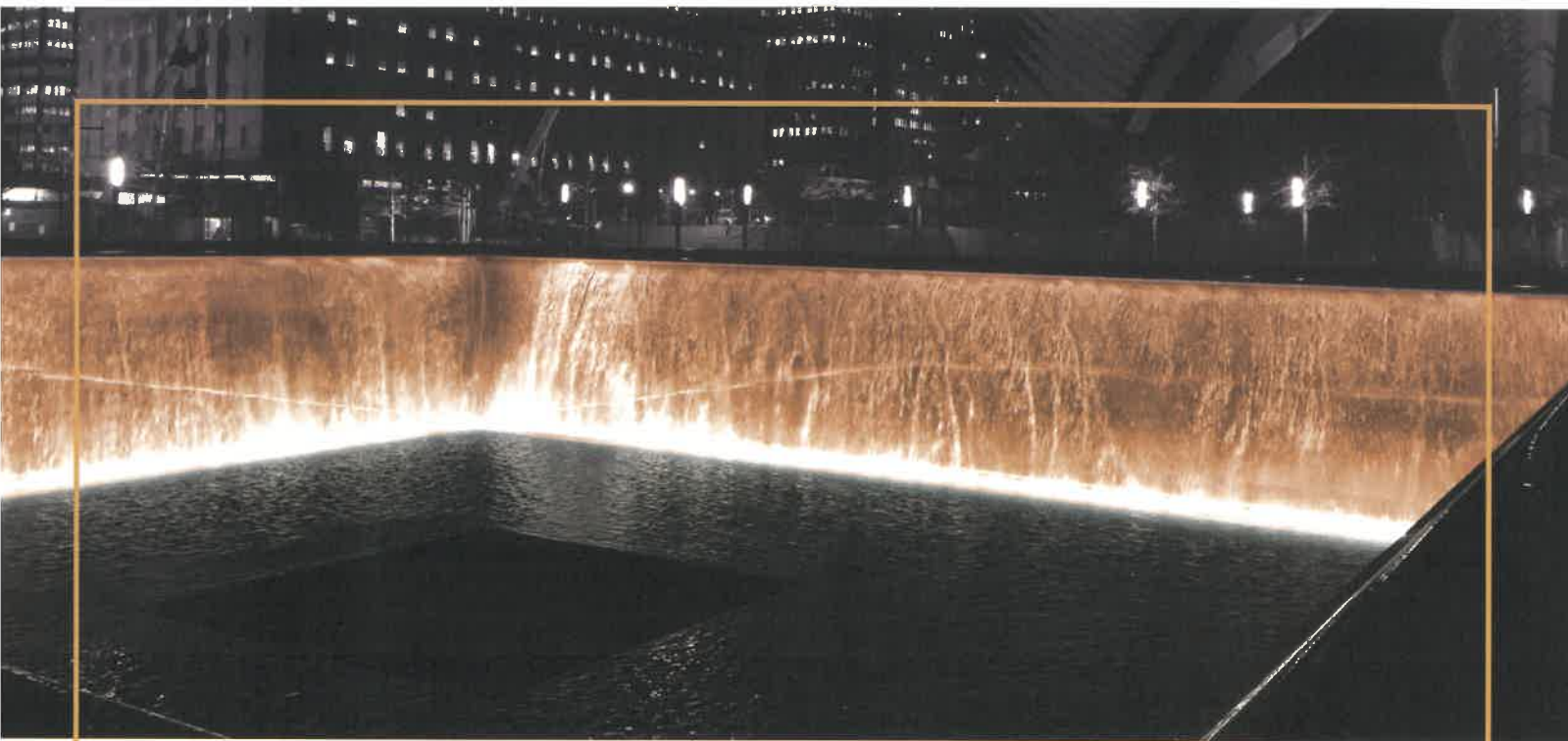
For many, those feelings are not all they have to remember 9/11. Many of those who lived or worked in downtown Manhattan, and those who participated in rescue, recovery, and clean-up efforts after the attack on the World Trade Center have suffered from illness and death as a result of their exposure at or near the site.

## **September 11th Victim Compensation Fund & the World Trade Center Health Program**

Based in Washington, D.C, the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) and the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) were established by the federal government to try to help these many victims. The VCF provides cash benefits to victims or their survivors for death, illness, or injuries that the WTCHP finds related to a person's presence in the Exposure Zone. The Health Program provides free medical care.

## **What is the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund?**

The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund is the part of the U.S. Department of Justice entrusted to administer, review, and approve or deny applications for Fund benefits. The Special Master, appointed by the Attorney General, decides on whether and to what extent an individual is entitled to benefits subject to specific caps in the statute.



### **Who is eligible for VCF benefits?**

Anyone with a physical injury or illness resulting from presence in the Exposure Zone from Sept. 11, 2001, to May 30, 2002, may be entitled to VCF benefits. The VCF does not make awards for solely mental health conditions. An applicant need not be a U.S. citizen. Surviving relatives of a person who died from a 9/11-related illness or injury also may apply for benefits.

### **Are there deadlines?**

Yes. You must register within two years of the date of death or being certified by the World Trade Center Health Program as having a 9/11 injury or illness. To obtain benefits, a victim (or the victim's attorney) completes an application that sets forth why the victim was present in the Exposure Zone for the relevant time period, what injuries or illnesses

the victim has, and proof of the victim's presence in the Exposure Zone. The VCF is working on many thousands of applications so its review is relatively lengthy. The Fund usually takes more than a year to review an application once submitted.

### **How can Grey & Grey help?**

Grey & Grey has experts in the application process and procedure. Our attorneys personally handle client cases from beginning to end and are skilled in representation to obtain the highest awards possible. Grey & Grey personally attends and represents clients at all hearings, and will draft and file needed appeals. We do not charge any fee until there is an award and then we receive 10% as our fee.

Grey & Grey has represented hundreds of 9/11 victims and their families — and has obtained nearly \$37 million in awards for our clients.



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