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SUMMARY

- Experienced disability & civil rights advocate. Worked on disability access cases before state and local agencies and state and federal courts. Obtained settlements.
- Advocated for [radical change](#) in Judicial Branch in Indiana Constitution and reform of U.S. Supreme Court certiorari system. *Straw v. U.S.*, [23-16039](#) (9th Cir.)
- Civil rights advocate with 24 years of experience focusing on disability rights, free speech, immigration, personal injury, nonprofit law, sexual harassment, veteran rights, [Tucker Act 5th Amendment Takings](#), and corporate law. Seeking [full Bivens law](#).
- Assisted asylum seekers from Ukraine due to the 2014 Russian incursion.
- [Advocated for poisoned family members of U.S. Marines stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC. Camp LeJeune Justice Act of 2022](#) passed the U.S. House 342-88 on July 13, 2022, and by 86-11 in the U.S. Senate on August 2, 2022. [President Biden signed it into law](#) on August 10, 2022. Public Law 117-168, Sec. 804; 136 Stat. 1802. Law will provide compensation for my mother's wrongful death and my infant brain [injuries](#) from Camp LeJeune poisoning.
- Present in Lower Manhattan, NYC, 3 weeks after 9/11. [VCF](#) Claimant.
- Pursued First Amendment federal lawsuit in Wisconsin for free speech national leader to protect right to wave a US flag on a public sidewalk. Pursued lawsuit for handicap access: 4 N. Illinois local governments left snow in their sidewalks, blocking access.
- ABA Comm'n on Disability Rights [Jan. 2014 "Spotlight" attorney with disabilities](#).
- Sued South Bend, Indiana, under ADA regarding municipal handicap parking and sidewalk access. Achieved settlement in 2017 and FHWA supervision for City.
- Served as Statistical Analyst for entire Indiana judicial branch.
- Served as Assistant Dean for Int'l Programs at IU-Maurer School of Law (2003).
- Former [Corporate Counsel](#) to transportation planner Alan M. Voorhees (1998 - 2000).
- Admitted to Practice in Good Standing, [Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals](#).
- Earned J.D. from Indiana University - Maurer School of Law.
- National Merit Scholar.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Andrew U. D. Straw 3/2010-present

Disability Rights Advocate, Former Lawyer, Civil Rights & Ethics Whistleblower

- Passionate advocate for disability rights: sidewalks and handicap parking spaces.
- Obtained audit of parking lots in Streamwood, Illinois, which found about 150 handicap parking spaces missing or not made according to legal standards. 2013-2014

Indiana University-Maurer School of Law 2/2003 - 5/2003

Assistant Dean for International Programs

- Provided support and leadership to international graduate students.

Indiana Supreme Court, Indianapolis, IN 8/2000 – 7/2002

Statistical Analyst and Court Technology Analyst

- [Hired](#) by Chief Justice of Indiana and State Court Administrator.
- Worked with 400+ courts. Served Judicial Technology and Automation Committee.

Alan M. Voorhees, Woodbridge, VA 8/1998 - 8/2000

Corporate Counsel to Famous Transportation Planner Alan Manners Voorhees

- Corporate law work for [Autometric](#) (aerospace/satellite--protects all US air traffic), [Micros](#), [Lizardtech](#), Cinecom, [International Land Systems](#), [Sylvan Internet](#). Advised FBI fingerprint database image compression inventor & contractor, NASA contractors, and CIA officers serving Virginia state government. Certificate in court leadership, [MAACM](#).
- Advocated to Virginia Supreme Court, state legislative committees and court clerks for records reform. Served on Virginia State Bar Task Force on Technology.
- Provided [counsel](#) re Library of Congress, the Library of Virginia, Virginia Historical Society, Council for Excellence in Government in Washington, D.C., and Voorhees College.
- Clerked for Hon. Joseph E. Spruill, Jr., 1976 president of Virginia State Bar. Research for triple murder arson trial, [Commonwealth v. Waterman](#), 516 S.E.2d ___ (1999).

Italian Foreign Ministry, Bologna, Italy 12/1995 – 1/1996

Communications System Adviser

- Wrote educational software and instructions for telecommunications officers.

Options for Better Living, Bloomington, IN 9/1992 - 8/1993

Assistant Manager

- Planned and implemented daily activities and personal care for disabled adults.

Association for the Disabled (ADEC), Elkhart, IN 5/1987 - 8/1987

Site Manager

- Planned and implemented work projects for disabled teenagers.

Community Locker, Goshen, IN

1982 - 1983

Meat Packer, Deep Freeze Locker Maintenance, Hygiene of Knives & Machinery

- Worked for my father, a butcher and small business owner when I was age 13.

EDUCATION

- **University of Maine, Orono**

Admitted to **Peace and Reconciliation** Master's program. 2024

- **University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand**

MBHL Matriculation & Postgraduate Studies in **Bioethics & Health Law**.

GPA Grade Equivalent: B+. 2004. "A-" in Theories of Biomed. Ethics. (NZ Perm. Res.)

- **Council for Excellence in Government, Washington, DC.**

Government leadership fellow. 1999-2000. Cohort: U.S. HHS; GS-15 and SES officers.

- **Indiana University-Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.**

J.D., Law Degree - 12/1997. Dean's List, Fall 1997. GPA Grade Equivalent: B+ "Highest Grade in Class, A-*" in Negotiations. "A" in Law and Political Theory. "A" in Seminar on Global Nation-State & Non-Government Actors. "A-" in Federal Criminal Law. "A-" in Legislation. "A" in Comparative Constitutional Law (USA/France).

Concentrated on administrative and political law and worked as [the Dean's research assistant](#). [Recommendation](#). Research assistant to [Oxford Law Professor Paul Craig](#) on EU Law and [IU Law Prof. F. Thomas Schornhorst](#) on state constitution death penalty theory. Legal Services volunteer (SS/Medicaid/Public Benefits).

- **Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.**

M.S., Master's Degree, Language Education - 12/1995. GPA Grade Equivalent: A "A+" in Topical Workshop in Lang. Education. "A" in Statistical Methods Applied to Education. "A" in Adv. Study in Foreign Lang. Teaching. "A+" in Italian. "A" in Contemp. Black American Writing. "A" in Soc./Psy./Ling. Applied to Reading Instruction. Volunteer GED math tutor, Thompson Electronics, for displaced factory workers.

- **Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.**

B.A., Bachelor's Degree - 5/1992. GPA Grade Equivalent: B+

Majors: English and Philosophy. Minor: Political Science. "A" in Symbolic Logic. "A" in Voting, Elections, & Public Opinion. "A-" in Classics in Ethics. "A" in American Literature. "A" in Teaching in a Pluralistic Society. "A-" in Chemistry. "A" in Phenomenology & Existentialism. "A" in Philosophy of Religion. "A" in Soviet Politics. "A-" in Geography of the Soviet Union. National Merit Scholar.

AFFILIATIONS

- [Columnist](#) on [disability](#) issues related to democracy, Democracy Chronicles.
- Member, Democrats Abroad, The Philippines (2020-) & [Global Disability Caucus](#).
- Member, Democrats Abroad [Medicare Portability](#) Steering Committee.
- Delegate, Indiana Democratic State Convention, 2010.
- Lawyer & Campaign Manager, IN-21 Democrat Candidate Dwight Fish, 2010.
- Lawyer & Campaign Manager, Monroe Cty. Council Candidate Bill Hayden, 2003
- Elected Precinct Chair, Monroe County Democratic Party, Indiana. [BL-11](#). 1998.
- Founder, Indiana University College Democrats, 1994 (500+ members)
- Past Member, Indiana Green Party. Green Party of the United States [Indiana delegate to 2012 GP National Convention](#). 2004 regional leader (Deep South), Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand. Democrats Abroad, New Zealand, 2008.
- Founder, [Children of Camp LeJeune](#) (2015), **527 Organization** – LeJeune narrative: <http://camplejeune.andrewstraw.com/> See also: *Straw v. U.S. #1; #2*; [Appeal #1](#) USCA4
- Life Member, Indiana University Alumni Association, #211032
- Supporter, Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance ([DBSA](#)) & [S&PAA](#)
- Supporter, [National Autism Association](#) & [Association of Migraine Disorders](#)
- Member, Disabled Persons Assembly, New Zealand
- Member, United States International Council of People with Disabilities
- Member, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- Member, National Federation of the Blind (NFB), Member # 35346
- Member, National Association of the Deaf (NAD)
- [Triple Nine Society](#): [Member](#) and Former [Elected Exec. Comm. Member](#). #M2813

AWARDS / HONORS

- National Merit Scholar, 1987. [National Science Olympiad](#), Gold Medal, 1983.
- [Bausch & Lomb Science Medal](#), 1987. NHS National Honor Society Member, 1986.
- "[Imagine E-government Award](#) Competition National Finalist." Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and Council for Excellence in Government recognized my **domestic violence real-time FBI protective order database** invention as one of the top 8 e-government ideas in the USA. 2001. Designed Indiana Supreme Court website revamp, 2001.
- Court Management Leadership Certificate, [MAACM](#), 1999.
- ABA [Commission on Disability Rights](#): "[Spotlight](#)" disabled attorney, January 2014.
- "[Parker-Powell Student Leader Award](#)," 1996 IU Student Association Fellowship.
- Law School Rep. to [Indiana University Student Government](#), 1995-1996.
- Law School [Educational Policy Committee](#) member, Bloomington, IN. 1996-1997.
- [Adjudicated](#) "public figure who works on disability rights issues." IL Ct App, Chicago.

LANGUAGES

English (Native), Italian (Fluent), German (5 years), French (1 year), Tagalog (Novice).

POLICY/ACADEMIC EDITING

- Edited books by University of Otago instructors: (1) [Chinese folktales](#), (2) [Chinese human rights reform](#), and (3) [Chinese media culture](#). Advised Ph.D. student and edited dissertation on Chinese administrative law and human rights reform in China. Edited Ph.D. dissertation on Chinese media culture and documentary film.
- Wrote [article](#) in Disability Party Journal, 2022. Published in Academia.edu.
- Wrote [legislation](#) to address military base poisoning of U.S. Marine dependents.
- Camp LeJeune Justice Act: I lobbied Congress for justice for the Camp LeJeune U.S. Marine Corps poisoning victims. President Biden signed [Public Law 117-168, SEC. 804](#), on **August 10, 2022**. Compensation for the wrongful death of my mother, injuries to my daughter and son, and my own injuries.
- 1996 presidential complaint re Ft. Liberty, N.C., death threats to a disabled servicemember, and politicization of 82nd Airborne. Federal investigation followed.

SIGNIFICANT SETTLEMENTS, ACHIEVEMENTS, LAWSUITS

- [Profile](#).
- **Camp LeJeune Justice Act. [15 CLAIMS](#)**
Straw v. U.S., [7:23-cv-162](#)-BO-BM (E.D.N.C.); *Straw v. U.S.*, [23-2156](#) (4th Cir.)
Straw v. U.S., [7:23-cv-1475](#)-FL (E.D.N.C.)
CLS23-004519; CLS23-005185. Seeking **health care** and **health/cancer screening**.
9/11 Victim. VCF.gov Claim #: 0260945.
- **Certiorari System Unconstitutional.** *Straw v. U.S.*, [23-16039](#) (9th Cir.)
- **U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, City of South Bend, Indiana;** *Straw v. City of South Bend, et. al.*, [3:16-cv-342](#)-JED-MGG (N.D. Ind. 2017). FHWA Supervision of South Bend. Handicapped parking. **2017 City of South Bend, Indiana;** APRA request I made [“languished” for 3 years](#). **2015**
- **American Bar Association; ADA.** *Straw v. ABA*, 18-1795 (7th Cir. 6/2018). **2018**
- **Kane County, IL;** *Straw v. Streamwood, et. al.*, 734 F. App'x 344 (7th Cir. 2018). **2017**
Elgin Housing Auth.; *Straw v. Elgin Housing Auth.*, 18-1073 (7th Cir. 2018). **2018**

- **Village of Streamwood, Illinois.** *Straw v. Streamwood Chamber, et. al.*, 13-L-063066 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (150 missing handicap parking spaces in trial court record). **2013**
- **Reposteria Restaurant.** *Straw v. Reposteria*, 2015-CP-3541 (IHRC 12/18/2018) – snow in handicap parking is discrimination under Illinois Human Rights Act. Illinois AG assisted with obtaining payment. **PAID IN FULL, 2022.**
- **Discipline for Curtis Hill’s sexual battery** of 4 women on my complaint to IADC. Removal of Curtis Hill as Republican Indiana Attorney General candidate in 2020. <http://curtishill.andrewstraw.com> **2020.** *In re Hill*, [144 N.E.3d 200](#) (Ind. 2020). Hill also rejected for U.S. House in **2022.** [Ethics complaint](#): I filed this against **Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill** for sexual harassment and groping of four women in **2018.** *In Re. Curtis T. Hill*, [19S-DI-00156, 144 N.E.3d 200](#) (Ind. 5/11/2020). Hill was rejected as **2020** Indiana Attorney General candidate by Republican Convention. Hill rejected for U.S. House (IN-2) in **2022.** Hill again seeks Indiana Republican Party approval for governor, **2024.**
- I made a **disciplinary complaint** about former Republican **Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels** [featherbedding the Purdue presidency](#) while he was governor and once in the position, he made [racist remarks](#) about African-American academics. Following my complaint in 2022, [Daniels resigned from the Purdue presidency.](#)
- Lawyer disciplinary complaint, [Missouri Chief Disciplinary Counsel](#), against U.S. **Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas** for his accepting [expensive trips and gifts from a GOP billionaire](#), who also [purchased Justice Thomas’ mother’s house and upgraded it with her still in it](#), and Thomas did not report this as required by law. **4/8/2023.** Investigation not pursued by Missouri.
- Lawyer disciplinary complaint to Colorado Bar Counsel against U.S. **Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch** for [not reporting a lucrative real estate sale to a law firm that regularly appears before the U.S. Supreme Court](#) and that he favors. **#23-1488**
- **Insurance Company ADA/IHRA Settlement. 2019. Bank ADA/IHRA & 2 Restaurants ADA/IHRA Settlement. 2015. Medical Laboratory ADA/IHRA Settlement. 2015**
- Seeking USMC and USN documents via a **FOIA REQUEST** to support my health care request from being born and poisoned at Camp LeJeune. **DON-USMC-2023-014921** and Appeal **SER 14/251,** **DON-USMC-2023-016817.**