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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.
- Advocate for [radical change](#) in Judicial Branch in Indiana Constitution and restoration of United States Supreme Court as the [top court in America](#).
- Civil rights advocate with 21 years of experience focusing on disability rights, free speech, immigration, personal injury, nonprofit law, sexual harassment, veteran rights, [Tucker Act 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment Takings](#), and corporate law. Seeking [full Bivens law](#).
- Assisted asylum seekers from Ukraine due to the Russian incursion in E. Ukraine.
- [Advocated for poisoned family members of U.S. Marines stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC](#). 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 to people with disabilities. Advocated for court corruption reform.
- ABA Comm'n on Disability Rights Jan. 2014 "Spotlight" attorney with disabilities.
- Sued South Bend, Indiana, under Americans with Disabilities Act regarding municipal handicap parking and sidewalk access. Achieved settlement in 2017 and FHWA supervision for City.
- Served as Statistical Analyst for Indiana judicial branch; worked with every judge and justice in Indiana.
- Served as Assistant Dean for International Programs at Indiana University-Maurer School of Law (2003).
- Former Corporate Counsel to famous transportation engineer Alan Manners Voorhees (1998 - 2000).
- Congressional Candidate Endorsed by [Law School Dean](#).
- 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*

- Passionate advocate for disability rights: sidewalks and handicap parking spaces. Obtained precedent from IHRC that snow in handicap spaces is discrimination.
- 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
- Obtained settlement with South Bend, Indiana, re handicap parking and sidewalks.
- Opposed sexual harassment at South Bend Housing Authority.

**Indiana University-Maurer School of Law**

**2/2003 - 5/2003**

*Assistant Dean for International Programs*

- Provided support and leadership to international graduate students.. Managed program and student admissions. Hired by law school dean, current IU Provost Lauren Robel, then president of the Association of American Law Schools ([www.aals.org](http://www.aals.org)).

**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 over 400 trial courts. Served Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC). Designed Court website and invented protective order database for White House & Harvard competition.

**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 contractor, NASA contractors, and CIA officers serving 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. Researched for Hon. Spruill and Clerk Forrester for a 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**  
*Assistant Manager*

9/1992 - 8/1993

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

**Association for the Disabled (ADEC), Elkhart, IN**  
*Site Manager*

5/1987 - 8/1987

- Planned and implemented work projects for disabled teenagers.

## **EDUCATION**

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

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

GPA Grade Equivalent: B+. Dual Program, School of Medicine and School of Law. 2004.  
“A-“ in Theories of Biomedical Ethics.

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

Advanced training on federal government leadership and psychology. 1999-2000. Cohort:  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Colleagues: GS-15 and Senior Executive  
Service (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.

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

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

M.S., Master's Degree - 12/1995. GPA Grade Equivalent: A

Major: Language Education (ESL/ EFL).

“A+” in Topical Workshop in Language Education. “A” in Statistical Methods Applied to  
Education. “A” in Advanced Study in Foreign Language Teaching.

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

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

Majors: English and Philosophy. Minor: Political Science.

Five courses with [Philosophy Professor Paul V. Spade](#). “A” in Symbolic Logic. “A” in  
Voting, Elections, & Public Opinion. “A-“ in Classics in Ethics.

National Merit Scholar, Matriculated Honors Biochemistry.

## AFFILIATIONS

- Founder, **Disability Party**, 2/5/2013. [Disabilities](#) from others' [crimes](#). (6,000+ members in ~40 countries)
- [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.
- Member, Indiana Green Party (2019-). Green Party of the United States [Indiana delegate to 2012 GP National Convention](#) and IN-2 Green congressional candidate. 2004 regional leader (Deep South), Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Founder, [Children of Camp LeJeune](#) (2015), **527 Organization** – LeJeune narrative: <http://camplejeune.andrewstraw.com/> See also: <http://usmc.andrewstraw.com>
- Supporter of Green Party, Democratic Party (Progressives), and Disability Party.
- Life Member, Indiana University Alumni Association, #211032
- 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)
- Founder, Indiana University College Democrats, 1994 (500+ members)

## AWARDS / HONORS

- National Merit Scholar, 1987. [National Science Olympiad](#), Gold Medal, 1983.
- [Bausch & Lomb Science Medal](#), 1987.
- "[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.
- American Bar Association [Commission on Disability Rights](#): "Spotlight" disabled attorney, January 2014.
- "[Parker-Powell Student Leader Award](#)," 1996 Indiana University Student Association Fellowship.
- Law School Representative to [Indiana University Student Government](#), Bloomington. 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.
- [Ethics complaint](#): I filed this against **Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill** and his sexual harassment and groping of four women in 2018. Hill suspended 30 days. *In Re. Curtis Theophilus Hill*, [19S-DI-00156](#) (Ind. 5/11/2020). Hill rejected as 2020 Indiana Attorney General candidate by Indiana Republican Convention delegates.

## LANGUAGES

English (Native), Italian (Fluent), German (5 yrs), French (1 yr), 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 of 2021 ([H.R. 2192](#)) – I support justice for the Camp LeJeune U.S. Marine Corps poisoning victims. [H.R. 3967](#) passed in the House on 3/3/2022.
- 1996 presidential complaint re Ft. Bragg, N.C., death threats to a disabled servicemember, and politicization of 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne. Federal investigation followed.

## CRITICAL CURRENT CASES

<http://2022.andrewstraw.com>    <http://andrewstraw.disabilityparty.org>

<http://all.andrewstraw.com>

## SIGNIFICANT SETTLEMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **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); including *Straw v. Derose*, 71D07-1611-PL-000418 (St. Jos. Co. Sup. Ct. 2017). FHWA Supervision of South Bend. 2017**
- **U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg. City of South Bend, Indiana; Freedom of Information APRA request I made [“languished” for 3 years](#). 2015**
- **American Bar Association; *Straw v. ABA*, 18-1795 (7th Cir. 6/2018). 2018**
- **Kane County, IL; *Straw v. Streamwood, et. al.*, 734 F. App'x 344 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2018). 2017**
- **Elgin Housing Authority; *Straw v. Elgin Housing Authority*, 18-1073 (7th Cir. 2018). 2018**

- **Village of Streamwood, Illinois.** *Straw v. Streamwood Chamber, et. al.*, 13-L-063066 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (audit reports finding about 150 missing handicap parking spaces in trial court record). **2013**
- **Reposteria Restaurant.** *Straw v. Reposteria*, 2015CP3541 (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**
- **Insurance Company ADA/IHRA Settlement.** **2019**
- **Bank ADA/IHRA & 2 Fast Food Restaurants ADA/IHRA Settlement.** **2015**
- **Medical Laboratory ADA/IHRA Settlement.** **2015**
- Other handicap accessible features: <http://accessviolations.andrewstraw.com>