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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, 2 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.

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PUBLIC SERVICE DISABILITIES: Camp LeJeune, Indiana Supreme Court, 9/11 Victim

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
- 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.

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. Researched for Hon. Spruill and Richmond County Clerk, Rosa 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 9/1992 - 8/1993

Assistant Manager

- 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+. 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: <http://clja.andrewstraw.com>
- Life Member, Indiana University Alumni Association, #211032
- 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.
- [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 IN Republican Convention delegates. Hill rejected for U.S. House (IN-2) in 2022.

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: I support justice for the Camp LeJeune U.S. Marine Corps poisoning victims. S. 3373 passed the U.S. House on July 13, 2022, and the U.S. Senate on August 2, 2022. This law, signed by President Biden on **August 10, 2022**, provides compensation for the wrongful death of my mother and my own infant brain 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

- **Camp LeJeune Justice Act. *Straw v. U.S.*, 7:23-cv-162-BO-BM (E.D.N.C.) CLS23-4519; CLS23-5185. 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); including *Straw v. Derose*, 71D07-1611-PL-000418 (St. Jos. Co. Sup. Ct. 2017). FHWA Supervision of South Bend. Handicapped parking issue solved. 2017**
- **U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg. City of South Bend, Indiana; Freedom of Information APRA request I made found [“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.) (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.** *In re Hill*, 144 N.E.3d 200 (Ind. 2020). Hill also rejected for U.S. House in **2022.**
- 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.**
- 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 Fast Food Restaurants ADA/IHRA Settlement. 2015. Medical Laboratory ADA/IHRA Settlement. 2015**