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SUMMARY:

- Seasoned Attorney with 18 years of experience focusing on disability rights, free speech, immigration, personal injury, nonprofit law, sexual harassment, veteran rights, and corporate law.
- Advocate for poisoned family members of U.S. Marines stationed at NAS Jacksonville. First Amendment federal lawsuit in Wisconsin for Overpasses for America national leader to protect right to wave a US flag on a sidewalk. Lawsuit for handicap access against 5 N. Illinois local governments.
- ABA Commission on Disability Rights January 2014 “Spotlight” attorney with disabilities.
- Candidate for U.S. House, IN-2 (2012) and IL-8 (2016) with disability rights platforms.
- Sued South Bend, Indiana, and South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg under Americans with Disabilities Act. Settled January 2017.
- Served as Assistant Dean for International Programs at Indiana University-Maurer School of Law (2003).
- Worked as Statistical Analyst for the Chief Justice of Indiana (2000-2002).
- Court technology inventor who developed real-time domestic violence protective order database for the State of Indiana (2001).
- Former Corporate Counsel to famous transportation engineer and urban planner Alan Manners Voorhees (1998 - 2000).
- Earned J.D. from Indiana University - Maurer School of Law.
- National Merit Scholar.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Andrew U. D. Straw, Esq.

3/2010 - Present

Disability Rights Lawyer and Advocate

- Passionate advocate for disability rights in state and federal agencies and courts.
- Negotiated settlements in employment law and disability rights cases.
- Opposed sexual harassment at South Bend Housing Authority and other civil rights claims.
- Suing Town of Campbell, Wisconsin, for arresting client who displayed a U.S. flag on a public sidewalk.

Indiana University-Maurer School of Law

2/2003 - 5/2003

Assistant Dean for International Programs

- Provided pastoral support and leadership to international graduate students in the Law School's international legal studies program. Managed program and student admissions.

Indiana Supreme Court.

8/2000 - 7/2002

Attorney and Statistical Analyst

- Analyzed the case load data of all 400+ Indiana trial courts and wrote annual statewide Indiana Judicial Service Report of the judicial branch.
- Advocated for accessible technology for hearing and vision impaired court users.
- Planned new format of Indiana Supreme Court webpage.
- Invented a real-time protective order database, recognized by Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.
- Proposed a new Disability Rights and Fairness Commission, 2016.

Alan M. Voorhees, Woodbridge, VA

8/1998 - 8/2000

Corporate Counsel to Famous Transportation Planner Alan Manners Voorhees

- Corporate work for Autometric (aerospace/satellite--protects all US air traffic), Micros, Lizardtech, Cinecom, International Land Systems, Sylvan Internet.
- 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 on projects at the Library of Congress, the Library of Virginia, the Virginia Historical Society, and Council for Excellence in Government in Washington, D.C.

Italian Foreign Ministry, Bologna, Italy

12/1995 – 1/1996

Communications System Adviser

- Wrote educational software and instructions to teach Foreign Ministry 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 in a group home.

EDUCATION:

- **University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.**
Graduate studies: Bioethics & Health Law, 2004. GPA Grade Equivalent: 3.2
- **Indiana University-Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.**
J.D. - 12/1997. Dean's List, Fall 1997. GPA Grade Equivalent: 3.2
Concentrated on administrative and political law and worked as the Dean's research assistant.
- **Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.**
Master's Degree - 12/1995. GPA Grade Equivalent: 3.8
Language Education (ESL/ EFL).
- **Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.**
Bachelor's Degree - 5/1992. GPA Grade Equivalent: 3.2
Majors: English and Philosophy. Minor: Political Science.

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- **Virginia State Bar:** Active in Good Standing, 43651. Admitted 6/7/1999.
- Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals: Admitted 1999.
- Northern & Southern U.S. District Courts of Indiana: Admitted 2002.
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois: Admitted 2013.
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin: Admitted 2015.

AFFILIATIONS:

- Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter, 2015-2016.
- American Bar Association: Member 2014-2017.
- Children of Camp LeJeune, Founder & Member, 2015-2017.

AWARDS/HONORS:

- National Merit Scholar
- National Science Olympiad, Gold Medal
- "Imagine E-government Award Competition National Finalist." 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. Competition announced in first White House Webcast, June 24, 2000.
- 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.

LANGUAGES:

- English (Native), Italian (Fluent), German (Studied 5 years), French (Studied 1 year), Spanish (Basic)

OVERSEAS EXPERIENCES:

- New Zealand, Italy, Germany, France, UK, Turkey, Canada, Switzerland, Australia, Malaysia, Liechtenstein, Austria, the Vatican, Monaco, Dubai. Permanent resident status in New Zealand. U.S. Citizen.

POLICY/ACADEMIC EDITING

- Edited books by University of Otago instructors: (1) Chinese folktales, and (2) Chinese administrative law and human rights reform.
- 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.