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## **SUMMARY:**

- Staunch ADA reformer, confronted discrimination by state and federal judges, state and federal agencies, and local governments that piled snow into municipal sidewalks and handicap parking spaces.
- Civil rights advocate 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. Candidate for U.S. Senate in 2018 on Indiana’s Disability Party ticket.
- Sued South Bend, Indiana, and South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg under Americans with Disabilities Act. Settled January 2017. Achieved settlement and FHWA supervision for City.
- 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**

*Disability Rights Advocate (pro se)*

**8/2013-present**

- Passionate advocate for disability rights, especially maintenance of municipal sidewalks and handicap parking spaces during winter.
- Obtained village-wide 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, in a case about handicap parking and sidewalks. 2017
- Sued Streamwood, Elgin, Glendale Heights, Bloomingdale, and Kane County, Illinois, regarding snow piles in sidewalks, curb cuts, and handicap parking. 2016-2017

### **Andrew U. D. Straw, Esq.**

**3/2010 – 2/2017**

*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*

- Broke both of my legs and pelvis on way to this Court to work, and then the Court took away my handicap parking to force me to walk farther in pain and engaged in discriminatory acts for 16 years. My law license is suspended because the Court's ADA Coordinator broke my trust and attacked me with a disciplinary complaint immediately after I made an ADA complaint to her about the Court.
- Proposed a new Disability Rights and Fairness Commission, 2016, in response to Court discrimination.
- Suing the Indiana Supreme Court before the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court to address discrimination and suspension of my law license as an ADA Title II violation.
- 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, the White House, and the Council for Excellence in Government.

**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.

### **AFFILIATIONS:**

- Disability Party, Founder (2/5/2013), National Chairman & Multiple State Chairman
- Children of Camp LeJeune, Founder & Member, 2015-2017.
- Triple Nine Society, Member and past Executive Board Member-at-Large. [www.triplenine.org](http://www.triplenine.org)

### **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.
- Complaint before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for the poisoning of myself and my mother, who died of cancer caused by these poisons present at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, where my father trained for his U.S. Marine service in Vietnam. *Straw v. USA*, 1:17-cv-00560-EGB (U.S. COFC)

### **LANGUAGES:**

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

### **OVERSEAS EXPERIENCES:**

- New Zealand, Italy, Germany, France, UK, Turkey, Canada, Switzerland, Australia, Malaysia, Liechtenstein, Austria, the Vatican, Monaco, Dubai.

### **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.