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## **SUMMARY**

- Experienced attorney and disability rights advocate. Worked on disability access cases before state and local civil rights agencies and state and federal courts. Obtained settlements.
- Civil rights advocate with 18 years of experience focusing on disability rights, free speech, immigration, personal injury, nonprofit law, sexual harassment, veterans rights, and corporate law.
- 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 Commission on Disability Rights January 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).
- 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: sidewalks and handicap parking spaces during winter. Obtained precedent from Illinois Human Rights Commission that snow in handicap spaces is discrimination.
- 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. Jan. 2017
- Sued Streamwood, Elgin, Glendale Heights, Bloomingdale, and Kane County, Illinois, regarding snow piles in sidewalks, curb cuts, and handicap parking. Kane County settled. 2016-2018
- Sued for First Amendment right to boycott a Court (2018) as a lawyer and for 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights under the U.S. Supreme Court certiorari system (2018) Sued North Carolina for its interference with military personnel and their dependents at Camp LeJeune, which interference caused pain and suffering and poverty to nearly 1 million U.S. Marines and their families disabled by poisons on the base.

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

**3/2010 – present**

*Disability Rights Lawyer and Human Rights Advocate*

- Negotiated settlements in employment law and disability rights cases.
- Opposed sexual harassment at South Bend Housing Authority and other civil rights claims.
- Sued 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. Hired by law school dean, 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 to provide statistical and court technology services to entire Indiana judicial branch.
- 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 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, 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 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**

- **Council for Excellence in Government, Washington, DC.**  
Advanced training on federal government leadership. 1999-2000. Cohort: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Colleagues: GS-15 and SES officers, U.S. government.
- **Indiana University-Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.**  
J.D. - 12/1997. Dean's List, Fall 1997. GPA Grade Equivalent: B+  
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: A  
Language Education (ESL/ EFL).
- **Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.**  
Bachelor's Degree - 5/1992. GPA Grade Equivalent: B+  
Majors: English and Philosophy. Minor: Political Science.

## AFFILIATIONS

- Member in [Good Standing](#), **Virginia State Bar (1999)** – Member of VSB Diversity Conference (2018-)
- Member, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit Bar (1999)
- [Columnist](#) on disability issues related to democracy, Democracy Chronicles.
- Member, National Lawyers Guild. Lawsuits: <http://lawsuits.andrewstraw.com>
- Disabilities Page: <http://disability.andrewstraw.com>
- Member, Indiana Green Party (2019). Past Green Party [Indiana delegate to 2012 GP National Convention](#) and IN-2 Green congressional candidate. 2004 regional leader (Deep South), NZ Green Party.
- Founder, [Children of Camp LeJeune](#) (2015)
- Life Member, Indiana University Alumni Association
- Member, United States International Council of People with Disabilities (USICD)
- Member, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- Member, National Federation of the Blind (NFB), Member # 35346
- Member, National Association of the Deaf (NAD)
- Member, VFW Affiliate (2017-), #2000397781
- Founder, Indiana University College Democrats, 1994
- Former candidate for U.S. House. Pushed for ballot access accommodations under ADA for federal candidates. See, *Straw v. ISBE*, 2019-147 (Vt.)

## AWARDS/HONORS

- National Merit Scholar
- National Science Olympiad, Gold Medal
- "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.
- 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." Illinois Court of Appeals, Chicago.
- Ethics complaint I filed against **Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill** and his sexual harassment of four women in 2018 was made into a verified complaint with a former Indiana Supreme Court justice, **Myra Selby**, presiding over the hearings on the matter. Indiana Attorney Disciplinary Commission announced verified complaint on my birthday, March 19, 2019. *In Re. Curtis Theophilus Hill*, 19S-DI-00156 (Ind.).
- Due to my mental and physical disabilities from public service, my SSDI application was accepted in the first instance in 2008 even when nearly 70% of all SSDI applications are denied at first. I regularly am granted *in forma pauperis* status because I live below 150% of the poverty line and this means my cases were vetted by a judge and found to be sound.

## LANGUAGES

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

## **POLICY/ACADEMIC EDITING**

- Edited books by University of Otago instructors: (1) Chinese folktales, and (2) Chinese 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.
- Wrote legislation to address military base poisoning and suffering of dependents of U.S. Marines and others. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKojwUm0qwk>

## **CRITICAL CURRENT CASES**

[Straw v. Avvo](#), 2019-July (Arbitration for False Postings on my Avvo.com Profile)

[Straw v. U.S. Department of State](#), 1:19-cv-02294 (D.MD.) – disability discrimination in repatriation loan.

[Straw v. Wilkie](#), 18-7129 (U.S. CAVC) – 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal of Camp LeJeune Family Member Program Application

[Straw v. North Carolina](#), 7:18-cv-74-D (E.D. N.C.) – attacking statute of repose applied to Camp LeJeune

[Straw v. U.S. District Court, et. al.](#), 1:18-cv-278-CMH (E.D. Va.) – Fifth Am. damages for court violations.

[Straw v. Illinois State Board of Elections, et. al.](#), 2019-147 (Vt.) – seeking forum for Midwest ADA violations because no forum exists in the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit zone. All appellees defied Vermont Supreme Court ORDER to submit appellee briefs. None submitted any brief or made an appearance. Supreme Court suggested sanctions may issue.

[Andrew U. D. Straw v. State of Indiana, by Gov. Eric Holcomb](#), 49D10-1907-PL-030392 (Marion County Superior Court #10). Domesticated the VSB ORDER in Marion County Superior Court.

- <http://www.vsb.org/docs/Straw-062217.pdf>

## **FOUND QUALIFIED OR HIGHLY QUALIFIED OR FINALIST IN PAST 5 YEARS**

U.S Access Board ([www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)) – General Counsel

[U.S. Marine Corps HQ, Quantico, VA](#) – Attorney Advisor

[U.S. Army Medical Command](#) – Attorney Advisor

[U.S. Army Ninth Signal Command](#) – Attorney Advisor

Library of Congress, [Kluge Center](#) – Director

[Indiana Disability Rights](#) (IPAS) – Executive Director (finalist)

[LA Unified School District](#) (600,000+ students) – ADA Coordinator (finalist)

## **SIGNIFICANT SETTLEMENTS**

Mayor 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. Derosé*, 71D07-1611-PL-000418 (St. Jos. Co. Sup. Ct. 2017)

American Bar Association; *Straw v. ABA*, 18-1795 (7th Cir.)

Kane County, IL; *Straw v. Streamwood, et. al.*, 17-1867 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2018)

Elgin Housing Authority; *Straw v. Elgin Housing Authority*, 18-1073 (7th Cir.)

Multiple Private Entities in Cook County, Illinois, who blocked handicap parking or did not provide any.