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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, veteran 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

3/2010-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 5th Amendment rights under the U.S. Supreme Court certiorari system (2018). Sued for military family rights (2018).
- 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).

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

- **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.
- **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.
- 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) – LeJeune narrative: <http://camplejeune.andrewstraw.com/>
- 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. Sought ballot access accommodations under Illinois Human Rights Act for candidates. See, *Straw v. Illinois State Board of Elections*, 1:19-1783 (Ill. Ct. App. 1st Dist.)

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. Indiana Attorney Disciplinary Commission announced verified complaint on my birthday, March 19, 2019. *In Re. Curtis Theophilus Hill*, 19S-DI-00156 (Ind.).

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*](#), 2:20-cv-294-JLR (W.D. Wa.)

Straw v. Harris, 2:20-cv-xxx (W.D. Wa.) Due process and open court violations by U.S. Supreme Court Clerk

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

[*Straw v United States*](#), 3:19-cv-02531 (D.S.C.) – 1st Amendment claim for deleting emails without reading them.

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

[*Straw v. North Carolina*](#), 20-1295 (4th Cir.) – attacking N.C. Statute of Repose & MDL/FTCA statutes.

[*In Re Camp LeJeune Contamination*](#), 19-A-592, [19-982](#) (U.S. Supreme Court, pet. for cert. filed 2/3/2020).

[*Straw v. U.S. District Court, et. al.*](#), 20-xxxx (4th Cir.)– Fifth Am. damages for court violations.

[*Straw v. Illinois State Board of Elections*](#), 1-19-1783 (Ill. Ct. App.) – IL Hum. Rights Act disability violations.

Straw v. Virginia Dept. of Elections, 12/14/2019 (Va. DOJ Human Rights Department)

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

[*Straw v. Marion County Surveyor*](#), 49D11-1908-PL-035608 (Marion County Superior Court #11) -1st Am.

[*Straw v. Indiana*](#), 20-xxxx (4th Cir.) – Discriminatory state supreme court rule attacked.

[*Straw v. Vermont*](#), 2:19-cv-00221-CR (D.VT) – Jurisdiction statutes violate 5th Am., 1st Am., 14th Am., & ADA.

Straw v. Crossman, 35/2020 (NZ Min. of Justice LCRO)

FOUND QUALIFIED OR HIGHLY QUALIFIED OR FINALIST, 2014-

U.S Access Bd (www.access-board.gov) – Gen. Couns. [U.S. Marine Corps HQ, Quantico, VA](#) – Atty Adv.

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

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

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

[Indiana Disability Rights](#) – Exec. 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. 6/2018)

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

Elgin Housing Authority; *Straw v. Elgin Housing Authority*, 18-1073 (7th Cir. 2018)

Village of Streamwood, Illinois. When I identified massive public and private failures to provide any handicap parking, Village of Streamwood did an audit and found about **150 handicap spaces missing** in 2013. *Straw v. Streamwood Chamber, et. al.*, 13-L-063066 (Cook Co. Cir. Ct.) (audit reports in court record)