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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 21 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
- Opposed sexual harassment at South Bend Housing Authority and other civil rights claims.

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.
- 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](#). Advised FBI fingerprint database contractor, NASA contractors, and CIA officers serving 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 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.

Association for the Disabled (ADEC), Elkhart, IN

5/1987 - 8/1987

Site Manager

- 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+ Dual Program, School of Medicine and School of Law. 2004.

Council for Excellence in Government, Washington, DC.

Advanced training on federal government leadership and psychology. 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.
National Merit Scholar, Matriculated Honors Biochemistry.

AFFILIATIONS

- Member in [Good Standing](#), **Virginia State Bar (1999)** – Member of VSB Diversity Conference (2018-)
- Founder, **Disability Party**, 2/5/2013. [Coronavirus policy, 2020](#). [Disabilities](#) from others' [crimes](#).
- [Columnist](#) on disability issues related to democracy, Democracy Chronicles.
- Member, Democrats Abroad, The Philippines, 2020
- 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/>
- Supporter of Green Party, Democratic Party (Progressives), and Disability Party.
- 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

AWARDS/HONORS

- National Merit Scholar, 1987. National Science Olympiad, Gold Medal, 1983.
- "[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 this against **Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill** and his sexual harassment of four women in 2018. Hill suspended 30 days. *In Re. Curtis Theophilus Hill*, 19S-DI-00156 (Ind.). Hill rejected as 2020 Indiana Attorney General candidate by Indiana Republican Convention delegates.

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 of dependents of U.S. Marines and others.
- Advocate for Camp LeJeune Justice Act of 2020 ([H.R. 6204](#)).
- Initiated 1996 presidential complaint about Ft. Bragg, N.C., death threats to a servicemember, and politicization of 82nd Airborne. Pentagon and congressional investigations followed.

CRITICAL CURRENT CASES

[Straw v. Avvo](#), 20-35971 (9th Cir.) – ADA Titles II/V retaliation and 3 types of torts.

[Straw v. Harris](#), 20-5188 (U.S. CADDC) ADA & Due Process/open court violations by U.S. Supreme Court Clerk.

Straw v. Harris, 20-5343 (U.S. CADDC) FTCA claim

[Straw v. ISBE](#), 126388 (Ill. Sup. Ct.) – Disability IHRA & Illinois Bill of Rights Appeal (PLA 9/18/2020).

[Straw v. Wilkie](#), 20-2090 (U.S. CAFC) – 3rd appeal of Camp LeJeune Family Member Program Application.

[Straw v. CMS & SSA](#), 1:20-cv-1315 (D.MD) – Medicare and SSA/SSI violate disability right to travel overseas.

4 FTCA Claims Against Federal Court Clerks: Scott S. Harris (1), 2nd Circuit (2), & 4th Circuit (1).

3 FTCA Claims Against U.S. DOD (1), CDC (1), & SBA (EIDL Program) (1)

Straw v. U.S., 1:20-cv-1132-MBH (Fed. Cl.) – 5th Amendment Takings under Tucker Act

Straw v. U.S., 1:20-cv-1145-MBH (Fed. Cl.) – 5th Amendment Takings under Tucker Act

Straw v. U.S., 1:20-cv-1154-MBH (Fed. Cl.) – 5th Amendment Takings under Tucker Act

Straw v. U.S., 1:20-cv-1157-MBH (Fed. Cl.) – 5th Amendment Takings under Tucker Act

FOUND QUALIFIED OR HIGHLY QUALIFIED OR FINALIST, 2014-2020

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

[U.S. Army Medical Command](#) – Atty. Advisor [U.S. Army Ninth Signal Command](#) – Atty. 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 & ACHIEVEMENTS

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). **2017**

American Bar Association; *Straw v. ABA*, 18-1795 (7th Cir. 6/2018). **2018**

Kane County, IL; *Straw v. Streamwood, et. al.*, 17-1867 (7th Cir. 2018). **2017**

Elgin Housing Authority; *Straw v. Elgin Housing Authority*, 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**

Straw v. Reposteria, 2015CP3541 (IHRC 12/18/2018) – snow in handicap parking is discrimination. **2018**

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**

Insurance Company ADA Settlement. **2019**