

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
STATE OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF )  
) Cause No. 98S00-1601-DI-12  
ANDREW U. D. STRAW ) In Re Straw, 68 N.E.3d 1070 (Ind. 2/14/2017)  
Attorney Number 23378-53 )

**PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING RELIEF**

The Court, having fully digested the pleadings Andrew U. D. Straw made over the past 2.5 years and being fully advised in the premises, makes this ORDER:

1. We agree that the past relationship between Mr. Straw and this Court has not been addressed with respect to the disabilities he obtained by driving to this Court to work. He did lose mobility in that severe car accident, the more tragic because he was a runner and a letterman in track in high school. We cannot imagine 19 years of suffering because he chose to be loyal to his employer and come to work every day as this Court required him to do unless the Chief Justice said to do otherwise.
2. Further, the September 3, 2014, disciplinary complaint was initiated by the ADA coordinator of this Court in response to Straw's August 2014 complaints.
3. We find her actions to be retaliation and there is no excuse for it.
4. We agree that no actual evidentiary hearing happened in this case and Straw's answers and affidavit were not considered as they should have been. After reading them ourselves, we agree with the **Virginia State Bar** that Straw's cases did all deal with disability issues and were serious in nature. This is also why none of the federal judges sanctioned Straw.

5. Straw may have been wrong on the law, but the facts allowed action and he took action. Every case had some major organization supporting what Straw said, including the fact that Harvard Law School now collects the very information that we found objectionable. The Disciplinary Commission did not present this properly and in fact **should have dismissed this matter** once it realized the attack was retaliation by our own ADA coordinator.
6. No future ADA coordinator is authorized to act in this fashion, attacking a disabled former employee of this Court whose physical disabilities were in service to this Court and 400+ lower courts in Indiana.
7. We do wish now to honor that sacrifice instead of heaping coals on someone who served Indiana honorably and suffered as a result for two decades.
8. The ADA coordinator attacked the mental disability that Straw has from being born on a toxic U.S. Marine Corps base. This was callous, cold, and inexcusable.
9. Because this discipline is not based on any ethical violation, but instead our ban on all disabled people being lawyers, we take this opportunity to abolish Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 23, Sections 2(c) and 3(b) in so far as they suspend disabled attorneys automatically.
10. Andrew U. D. Straw is hereby retroactively relieved of the suspension back to February 14, 2017.
11. We agree that Section 12 of the Indiana Bill of Rights demands that we act on Straw's many pleadings in this case. Damages are due for the full 6 years he

has suffered from this disciplinary process and 2.5 years of prolonged discipline that was not justified by any hearing or other ORDER after August 2017 and the 180 days supposedly expired.

12. This Court cannot decide what the damages should be because there is an obvious conflict. We appoint Judge Dreyer, who is presiding over Straw's case at the Marion County Superior Court, to be a special judge and decide what the damages should be. *Andrew U. D. Straw v. State of Indiana, by Gov. Eric Holcomb*, 49D10-1907-PL-030392 (Marion County Superior Court #10)
13. Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill cannot act as the lawyer for this Court and none of his deputies shall be involved in this damages matter because Straw is the complainant against Hill in Hill's own disciplinary case. Hill cannot provide unconflicted advice or representation to this Court while it considers suspending him either for **60 days** or **two years**, as Hon. Selby and the Disciplinary Commission have asked us to do, respectively.
14. Straw's license is hereby made active in good standing and with no discipline ever having been applied. All of the allegations of incompetence are hereby renounced. The banning rule is abolished. Straw shall be compensated for the loss of 3 years of an Indiana law license and 3 years of 4 U.S. District Court licenses, and all other damages flowing from those suspensions. Straw's federal licenses were taken from Straw with indefinite suspension as a reciprocal matter. Straw shall be compensated additionally for losses to his reputation, emotional distress, and suffering from being mistreated by this

Court and its agencies for fully 19 years. Judge Dreyer shall determine the proper value of these losses and when he does, the State of Indiana shall pay Straw the full amount immediately.

It being so considered and FOUND, it is now ORDERED. Per curiam.

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Hon.

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Date

I, Andrew U. D. Straw, verify that the above statements and conclusions and exhibits are made in good faith, are true and correct under penalty of perjury, and I arrived at them after inquiries reasonable under the circumstances. **February 17, 2020**

Sincerely,



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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Andrew U. D. Straw, certify that I have submitted the above MOTION to the Clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court in PDF format via the Indiana Supreme Court's E-Filing System, on **February 17, 2020**. This MOTION served to Indiana Attorney Disciplinary Commission attorney Angie Ordway and others on the service list on **February 17, 2020**, via that E-Filing system, Efile.incourts.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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