

## PROFILE OF ANDREW U. D. STRAW

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Birthplace: Camp LeJeune, North Carolina

Birthdate: March 19, 1969

Father: Phillip U. D. Straw (1947 -) (Union: **AFL-CIO**)  
(Father: Harold U. D. Straw) (Union: **UAW**)  
(Mother: Elsie L. Hershberger) (**Amish** heritage)

Mother: Sandra Kay Isaacs (1948 – 1997)  
(Father: Gerald L. Isaacs) (Union: **Teamsters**)  
(Mother: Hope D. Raeder) (**Disabled**)

Stepmother: Ellen Rink (1947 -)  
(Father: Ellis Rink) (Mother: Betty Rink)

Brother: Jason Lee Straw (1973 -)

Partner & HHA: Leslie C. Tabbada (1984 -) (Philippines citizen)  
(children Mark, JR, Maryan, Angelo)

Ex-spouse: Prof. Paola Voci (1965 -) (Italian citizen)  
(m. 7/16/1994 – 8/17/2012)  
(daughter, Ava Straw, 1998 -)  
(son, Manu Straw, 2004 -)

Straw is not married, having been divorced since 8/17/2012.

Immigration Status in Philippines: asylum seeker since 10/2019

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender: Male

Height: 185cm Weight: 129 kg. Quiet, INTP MBTI type.

Skin Tone: White Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue/Green

Ethnicity: U.S. citizen & NZ Permanent Resident

(23 & Me DNA analysis): 99.1% European

94.4% Northwest European

42.6% French & German

26.5% British & Irish

6.4% Scandinavian

18.9% Broadly Northwest European

3.7% Southern European

1.0% Broadly European

0.1% Bangalore, India

Religion (at birth): Church of the Brethren, Goshen, IN

(Anabaptist)

(Grandmother Hershberger grew up Amish)

Disability Background: Physical (poisoning & broken legs/pelvis)

Mental (Camp LeJeune poisoning) (crime)

## **FAMILY**

Father's military background: **E-5**, USMC, Vietnam Veteran,  
**Phillip U. D. Straw** Helicopter Repairs  
(father was a butcher and a  
businessman since leaving the service;  
BS in Business, IUSB)

Brother's military background: **O-3**, USAF CCATT (ret.),  
**Jason Lee Straw** 82nd Airborne, US ARMY (medic)  
Afghanistan Veteran  
Critical Care Trauma Nurse

Grandfather's military background: Seabee (USN Const. Battalion)  
**Gerald Isaacs** WWII (Carpenter, Painter, Farmer)  
Service: Pacific Theater

Great-grandfather: U.S. ARMY, WWI (Blacksmith)  
**Frank Isaacs**

Great-great grandfather: **Andrew Isaacsson** (Danish)  
American Founder Ancestor: [Dr. Thomas Young](#)  
Descendant of: [Rollo, Duke of Normandy](#)

Mother's occupation: computer analyst & programmer, artist  
(died of [Camp LeJeune](#) breast cancer, 2/26/1997)

**DENIED Camp LeJeune health coverage:**

*Straw v. Wilkie*, [20-2090](#), 843 F. App'x 263 (Fed. Cir. 1/15/2021)

**DENIED Camp LeJeune compensation:**

*Straw v. North Carolina*, 20-1295 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2020)(**DENIED**); *Straw v. United States*, 15-2590 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2015)(**DENIED**); *Straw v. United States*, 17-2114 (Fed. Cir. 2018)(**DENIED**); *Straw v. United States*, 1:20-cv-1132 (Fed. Cl. 2021)(**DENIED**); *Straw v. United States*, 21-1596 (Fed. Cir. 2021)(**DENIED**); *In Re Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, Water Contamination*, 1:11-md-2218-TWT (N.D. Ga. 12/5/2016)(**DENIED**); *In Re Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, Water Contamination*, 16-17573-GG (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 5/22/2019)(**DENIED**); *Bryant v. United States*, [19-982](#) (U.S. Supreme Court petition for writ of certiorari)(**DENIED**).

There is obviously a federal judge and federal court problem with all these denials because Straw was right in every case and a U.S. Senator and former speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives explained why as he proposed a solution:

<https://www.tillis.senate.gov/2020/9/tillis-introduces-the-camp-lejeune-justice-act-to-ensure-legal-rights-for-water-contamination-victims>

Camp LeJeune Justice Act of 2020, HR 6204: Straw fully supported.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6204?s=1&r=3>

Justice has finally arrived with the overwhelming support of Congress so high in both houses that it could have passed a constitutional amendment. Camp LeJeune Justice Act of 2022, S. 3373, **Public Law 117-168, Sec. 804**. U.S. House: **342-88**. U.S. Senate: **86-11**.

Straw says justice (**health care and compensation**) for the poisoning of himself and his mother (killing her and disabling him) are the highest priority in his legal work. The other disability rights work is very important, but not as important as this fundamental right to justice for the **wrongful death of his mother** and infant [brain damage](#) inflicted on him since birth by the Marine Corps. His family's [trust was betrayed](#).

Law Focus: Civil Rights, Human Rights, Sexual Harassment Law

## **EDUCATION**

Harley-Holben Elementary, **Elkhart, IN**

Jefferson Elementary, **Goshen, IN**

Heritage Middle School, **Middlebury, IN**

Science Olympiad (1983), multiple medals, gold medal in science

Northridge High School, **Middlebury, IN (5/1987)**

Academic Endorsement: National Merit Scholar, Track Letter 3x

Indiana University, **Bloomington, IN (5/1992)**

B.A. English & Philosophy, Political Science Minor

Indiana University, **Bloomington, IN (12/1995)**

M.S. in Language Education (EFL/ESL)

Indiana University-Maurer School of Law, **Bloomington, IN (12/1997)**

J.D., dean's research assistant; Law School Rep, Student Govt.

University of Otago, **Dunedin, New Zealand (2004)**

MBHL studies, Bioethics & Health Law

MAACM, **Baltimore, MD (1999)**

Certificate in court management leadership

Council for Excellence in Government, **Washington, DC (2000)**

Federal government leadership fellow, GS-15 & SES, HHS Cohort

## POLITICAL

Voter Registration: **Elkhart County, Indiana**

CV: [www.andrewstraw.com](http://www.andrewstraw.com)

ALL: <http://all.andrewstraw.com>      <http://links.andrewstraw.com>

Political Party:

Associated with [Democratic Party](#), [Green Party](#), and [Disability Party](#). Self-described “**Disability Party Green Democrat**”

Briefly associated with Republican Party in 2015-2016 but that Party did not defend Straw’s asserted accommodation right under the Illinois Human Rights Act. Neither did the [Illinois courts](#). Republican candidate successfully had Straw removed from the ballot by ISBE.

Associations:

Listed on [CV](#); see also FB and LinkedIn connections.

Ran for U.S. House:

IN-2 (2011 – 2012, ballot access petition rejected)

IL-8 (2015 – 2016, ISBE removed from ballot)

VT-AL (2019, withdrawn)

VA-8 (2019, withdrawn)

## ETHICS CHALLENGES

Straw was attacked by his former employer, Indiana Supreme Court, in retaliation for an ADA complaint Straw made about the Court in 2014. This is proven by two exhibits in a federal court trial record. *Straw v. Indiana Supreme Court, et. al.*, 1:16-cv-3483-SEB (S.D. Ind. 2/16/2017) (Dkts. 1-11 & 1-13).

Discipline Refuted: <http://InReStraw.andrewstraw.com>

Reform plan: <http://reform.andrewstraw.com>

Due process violations: <http://dueprocess.andrewstraw.com>

Mitigation fail: <http://mitigation.andrewstraw.com>

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

Straw seeks property takings payments for the loss of 5 law licenses to suspension from February 2017 to September 2022 ff. *Straw v. Indiana*, 53C01-2110-PL-2081 (Monroe Co. Cir. Ct. #1). Ind. Const. Art. 1, Sec. 21. The Indiana Court of Appeals has stated that Straw must allege either that his time as a lawyer was conscripted without pay or that his intangible property was taken for a public purpose. *Straw v. Indiana*, 22A-PL-766 (Ind. Ct. App. 2022). Straw filed an amended complaint alleging both. **Straw seeks venue change to Virginia.**

## SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

Very low income on SSDI at **\$1,204 per month (P 57,852)** in 2021. 5.9% COLA increased this to **\$1,275** in 2022. Likely 10% COLA should increase SSDI to **\$1,402** in 2023. At P 60/\$1: **P 84,120**/month in 2023.

Straw began life as the son of an enlisted U.S. Marine and his stay-at-home spouse. His childhood economically was as the son of a butcher and small business owner in Goshen, Indiana. The most money Straw ever earned was as a corporate counsel (1998-2000) and later as a statistical analyst for an entire state judicial branch (2000-2002). Maximum income in one year was always less than \$60,000.

Both of Straw's grandfathers and his father were union men. **AFL-CIO, Teamsters, and UAW.**

Straw had about **\$0** in private debts as of April 2021 due to a filed bankruptcy in DC in December 2020. Straw's \$52,000 student loan debt was forgiven in 2017 due to SSDI & disability. Straw paid off his remaining Indiana Supreme Court costs with Biden stimulus money and **owed no one anything** as of March 2021 with the exception of **his HHA: \$166,950.** (JUN2018-SEP2022) Straw has been fined by the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit in 2021 for defending himself and still owes this **\$1,000.** Straw owes one

other person **\$150** as of 8/22/2022. Straw owns **no vehicle, no house** or other real estate, and has personal property worth about **\$500**. Without considering Camp LeJeune claims for himself and his dead mother, Straw's net worth is **-\$158,150**. Straw's ~1/3 portion of his mother's wrongful death claim is about **\$10,000,000**. Straw's own damages for infant brain injury are about **\$30,000,000**.

Given Straw's legal background ([www.andrewstraw.com](http://www.andrewstraw.com)), it is highly likely that this low income level is not just due to disability, but *discrimination* and *retaliation* from his former employer (Indiana Supreme Court) and others allied and supportive of that former employer. Sought compensation for the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment property takings (full litigation list at <http://all.andrewstraw.com>). *Straw v. United States*, 21-1596, 21-1597, 21-1598, 21-1600, 21-1602 (Fed. Cir. 2021)(all **DENIED**).

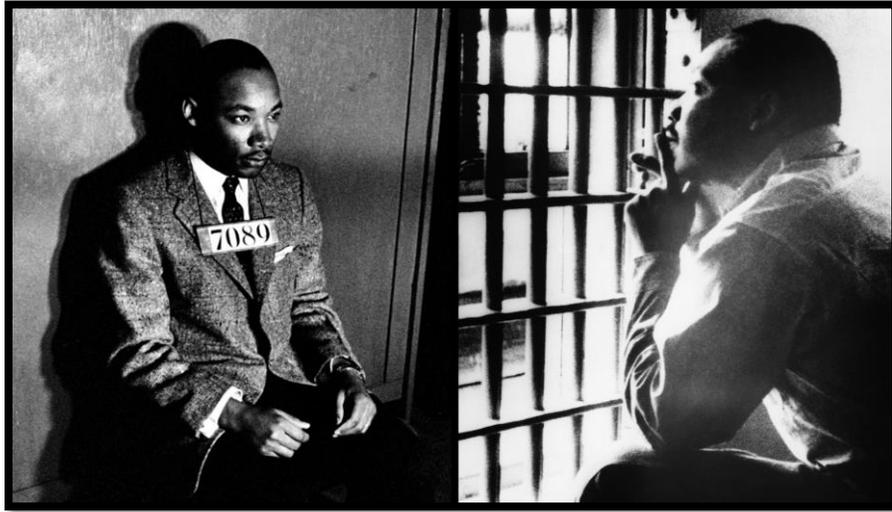
Others have taken actions hurting Straw and then settled with him when he sued for disability rights violations. These include the ABA in 2018, the City of South Bend in 2017, Kane County (IL) in 2017 and a large insurance company in 2019. A small Illinois restaurant finally paid a human rights damage award to Straw in 2022 for leaving a large pile

of snow in its only handicap space. A reverend who publicly attacked Straw's work advocating for Illinois businesses, schools, and government to create **~150 missing handicap spaces** settled with Straw, apologized, and paid him \$2,700.

*See, e.g.: Straw v. Avvo, Inc., 20-35971 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2022)*, was a tort and ADA retaliation case where a lawyer directory falsely stated Straw's Virginia license was not active for 3 years **when it was**. Also, Avvo sided with Straw's former employer, who discriminated in retaliation for an ADA complaint Straw made in 2014, listing the Indiana suspension over Straw's objections. Counsel for Avvo lied about Avvo's ownership in her brief by omitting Avvo's billionaire owners, KKR. Avvo's counsel hired the law clerk of the federal trial judge into its litigation group while the Avvo case was still proceeding. All the dishonesty was **allowed**.

Straw spends most of his legal time on *pro se* attempts to protect himself from his former employer with little assistance from other judges thus far except the Virginia State Bar ORDER saying Indiana's attacks using an ADA coordinator, **"had all the grace and charm of a drive-by shooting."** <https://www.vsb.org/docs/Straw-062217.pdf> Straw has been unable to get insurance to work and his reputation is in tatters due to

others helping Indiana destroy Straw as a civil rights leader and lawyer. This would not be the first time that state and local governments violated a civil rights leader.



Straw received his first state law license while working for billionaire Alan M. Voorhees. Straw took the bar exam and received his Indiana license while working for the Indiana Supreme Court and its chief justice and state court administrator. However, the Court calls Straw “incompetent” in his disability advocacy while Straw received his mental illness from Camp LeJeune poisoning (and [crimes](#) to his person) and his physical [disabilities](#) from a reckless driver hitting Straw as he drove to the Indiana Supreme Court to work.

A finance company advertised that it provides advance loans for Camp LeJeune poisoning victims. Straw applied but Tribeca dragged its

feet and finally explained itself by suggesting that maybe Straw was a “scammer.” This insult coupled with a failure to provide its loan service came after Straw’s mother’s **death** and his own 54 years of poisoning **injuries to his brain**. Straw has a pending complaint before the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), initially made to the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB) on September 8, 2022.

## **CRIMINAL RECORD**

Straw has no misdemeanors or felonies on his record, including no charges or prosecutions whatsoever. At 53 years of age, Straw has a very light driving record with two dismissals and one paid ticket from the 1980s. He has no points on his driving record anywhere as of August 2022. This is partly due to Straw having no vehicle since 2013 (~9 years).

Straw invented the [protective order database](#) used by the Indiana Supreme Court, the Indiana State Police, Indiana sheriffs, and the FBI. Straw has suggested in his political campaigns that this database of protective orders should be integrated with passports and applied internationally to address domestic violence. Straw has suggested the same sort of system to the Philippines National Police as well as Interpol.

Straw clerked for Judge Joseph Spruill Jr. (RIP) of Rappahannock, Virginia on a triple murder arson trial in 1999. Hon. Spruill was the 1976 president of the Virginia State Bar. Judge Spruill told Straw he would support his application for the federal bar in the Eastern District of Virginia, but Judge Spruill died before doing this.

Straw served as corporate counsel to Alan M. Voorhees (RIP), a billionaire Virginia transportation engineer who donated \$600,000 to a court record reform project in Richmond County, Virginia. Straw served as the Voorhees point man on this project for over a year. Advised inventor of FBI fingerprint database image compression software. Advised Boeing subsidiary, Autometric, that monitors all US air traffic for terrorism and other threats using satellite networks, and served on other [Voorhees interests](#).

## **INTERNATIONAL**

Straw provided services to the Italian Foreign Ministry to assist Ministry telecommunications operators with their software. Straw has lived in Germany (1 month), Italy (multiple times over one month); Turkey (6 weeks), New Zealand (7 years), and the Philippines (June 2018 – August 2022, ongoing).

Straw has a permanent residence visa for New Zealand.

Straw was the assistant dean for international programs at IU-Maurer School of Law and was involved with the International Law Association as a law student. Straw edited Ph.D. dissertations on Chinese media and Chinese human rights law. [www.andrewstraw.com](http://www.andrewstraw.com)

Straw's children are triple citizens of **Italy, NZ, and the USA**. His daughter, Ava Straw, is fluent in English, French, Italian, and Chinese and was the national French language champion in New Zealand, earning a trip to French Caledonia.

Due to American court discrimination based on his disabilities, Straw is seeking asylum in the Philippines: [CPA Letter](#).

Straw is a distant cousin of music conductor Peter Bassano and a member of the artistically and politically prominent British-French-Italian [Bassano/Lanier family](#).

Straw has 17 first cousins.

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