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1. My father served in the U.S. Marine Corps from **1967-1971**. He left service with an honorable discharge as an E-5 Sergeant and **Vietnam Veteran**.
2. Before my mother was pregnant with me, my father served in **January and February 1968** at **Camp Pendleton MCB**, which is an EPA Superfund site base with many toxins in the environment.
3. When I was conceived in **June 1968**, my father was serving at **Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida**. This "NASJAX" is an EPA Superfund site base with many toxins in the environment.
4. From **November 1968 to March 1969**, I was *in utero* while my father was stationed at **Camp LeJeune, North Carolina**, an EPA Superfund site base with many toxins in the environment.
5. From **March 19-22, 1969**, my mother was confined to **Camp LeJeune Naval Hospital** for my birth. The water coming from the taps of that hospital were highly contaminated with industrial solvents.

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6. From **March 22, 1969, to July 1970**, I had daily access and permission to come aboard the **Camp LeJeune** EPA Superfund site base as an infant and USMC dependent. My father's training at Camp LeJeune on helicopter repairs ended in July 1970.
  
7. The USMC and USN **knew about the Camp LeJeune contamination in the early 1980s** but did not send notices to the people who were exposed. 1 million veterans and their family members were exposed but with **no apology** and **no notice** so that appropriate health treatments could be applied. The poisoned victims of Camp LeJeune (and the other bases) were left to deal with it alone and in the dark as to the cause of their injuries.
  
8. The poisonous water and health effects became widely known in the 2010s. The Janey Ensminger Act of 2012 was passed so that certain conditions, including cancers and neurobehavioral effects, would justify VA health coverage.  
38 U.S.C. § 1787
  
9. Veterans Administration regulations for the Janey Ensminger Act of 2012 are at [38 C.F.R. § 17.400\(b\)](#)

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10. My mother got breast cancer and this illness is on the list. 38 C.F.R. § 17.400(b)(iii)
11. I have bipolar disorder, which is considered to be one of the neurobehavioral effects from the industrial solvents. 38 C.F.R. § 17.400(b)(xiv)
12. My mother died from her Camp LeJeune breast cancer on 2/26/1997, 308 days before my law school graduation.
13. The bipolar disorder was used to [humiliate me](#) in getting my Indiana law license in 2002 and was a reason for suspending me for nearly 5 years from 2017-2021 when I committed **no crime** and **no dishonest act**, another state saying taking my law license for doing disability rights work “had all the grace and charm of a drive-by shooting.” <http://vsb.andrewstraw.com>
14. While [I worked at the Indiana Supreme Court](#) and provided services to over 400 courts in Indiana, a reckless driver hit me and [broke my bones from skull to ankle](#). 4 different Indiana Supreme Court officers lied about me by omitting all mitigating factors in my so-called discipline. An ADA

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coordinator of the Court responded to [my own ADA complaints](#) about my former employer with a [retaliatory disciplinary complaint](#).

15. Webpage about the 4 documents by 4 different court officers omitting mitigating factors: <http://mitigation.andrewstraw.com>
16. I have lived in poverty for many years, utilizing SSDI and Medicare to survive.
17. I applied for the health coverage of the Janey Ensminger Act's **Camp LeJeune Family Member Program** in 2014 so I could have **recognition** and **last payer health care** for my [bipolar disorder](#).
18. I was denied. I was denied at the VA, the BVA, and the [U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims](#). These courts said that since I did not have a base address, my 19 months of daily access to the base and exposure to the poisons while my father worked there **DID NOT MAKE ME A CAMP LEJEUNE FAMILY MEMBER**.
19. I was denied at the Federal Circuit. *Straw v. Wilkie*, 20-2090 (Fed. Cir. 1/15/2021). The same

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argument was used. The law was narrowly construed to deny me by saying **19 months of exposure was not enough**. I needed **a base address**. [https://cafc.uscourts.gov/opinions-orders/20-2090.opinion.1-15-2021\\_1718161.pdf](https://cafc.uscourts.gov/opinions-orders/20-2090.opinion.1-15-2021_1718161.pdf)

20. I tried to get compensation, but the federal courts just would not cooperate, generally saying that I waited too long to file, even though the 10-year statute of repose deadline would have been **1980**, when I was 11 years old, and prior to the government admitting or even revealing what it had done. I was not even allowed to use the N.C. Statute of Repose exception for when a person has mental illness. The **only acceptable outcome was LOSING**. It did not matter what the law was or how severe the injuries.
21. **I lost at the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit.** *Straw v. United States*, [16-17573](#) (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 5/22/2019).
22. **I lost at the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit.** *Straw v. United States*, [15-2590](#) (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2015).
23. **I lost at the Federal Circuit.** *Straw v. United States*, [21-1596](#) (Fed. Cir. 2021)

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24. When I tried to sue North Carolina for its unconstitutional statute of repose creating an unrealistic and unfair time limit, **I lost at the Fourth Circuit**. *Straw v. North Carolina*, [20-1295](#) (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2020); *Straw v. State of North Carolina*, [7:18-cv-0074-M](#), 2020 WL 1042141 (E.D.N.C. Mar. 3, 2020)
25. When my law license was taken after references to my bipolar by the Indiana Supreme Court ADA coordinator, I had to file lawsuit after lawsuit and was denied over and over and over again so that the injuries are national, my reputation ruined. The U.S. Marine Corps did not lift a finger to help me, and neither did the U.S. Department of Justice. The U.S. Supreme Court never granted certiorari for me.
26. *Straw v. United States*, [21-1600](#), 21-1602 (Fed. Cir. 2021)
27. When I lost 5 law licenses to Indiana Supreme Court discriminatory suspension (4 U.S. District Courts reciprocally), **the Federal Circuit would not even pay me for the judicial takings** under the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the Tucker Act.

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28. *Straw v. United States*, [21-1597](#), 21-1598 (Fed. Cir. 2021)
  
29. I had to seek a **protective order** against the Chief Justice of Indiana and another lawsuit to obtain judicial property takings relief under the Indiana Bill of Rights. I just filed these.
  
30. *Straw v. Loretta H. Rush*, 49D09-2110-PO-035285 (Marion Co. Sup. Ct. #9)
  
31. *Straw v. State of Indiana*, 53C01-2110-PL-002081 (Monroe Co. Cir. Ct. #1)
  
32. A huge lawyer directory has kept this unlawful Indiana suspension (based on my **bipolar** from Camp LeJeune) on my profile for nearly 5 years while lying about my Virginia license not being active for 3 years (IT WAS ACTIVE), when my VSB license was never sanctioned, ever. *Straw v. Avvo, Inc.*, 20-35971, 21-35848 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.).
  
33. So, I have discovered what was done to me and my family but the federal and state courts have been absolutely bizarre in their **extreme level of hostility across several circuits.**

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34. It is as though the U.S. Marine Corps poisoning, now well known, must also be accompanied by the dishonesty of United States judges so that **no relief is available either to compensate or provide health care** to someone born and poisoned at Camp LeJeune for **19 months**. Someone whose mother died from one of the VA-listed cancers. It's on her death certificate. That's wrongful death, and the 24 years of loss is an agony with **no apology or help** by the criminals who did this.

35. I wait for the Camp LeJeune Justice Act to finally provide some level of relief after repeated insult added to injury. As of November 5, 2021, there are 93 cosponsors.

36. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2192?s=1&r=82#:~:text=H.R.2192%20-%20To%20provide%20for%20recovery%20by%20individuals,omissions%20by%20the%20United%20States.%20117th%20Congress%20%282021-2022%29>

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37. My father and mother had no idea this level of government dishonesty after U.S. Marine Corps injury to their child would happen.
38. My father served in Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam conflict and he spent his time packing up to move out and remove helicopters.
39. Was all of this suffering **worth it** to participate in a war that was ending and effectively OVER?
40. I do not think so. I lost **my mother, my health, my property, my reputation,** and **my law career** so my father could be a low-ranking enlisted U.S. Marine, E-5. I would never make such a trade, but he did not know he was making it, so I can forgive him back then, but not now.
41. The U.S. Marine Corps found me to be, “among the best qualified candidates and [you] have been referred for the next step in the selection process.”
42. Despite all my disadvantages, I was found highly qualified to be a lawyer advising the HQ of the U.S. Marine Corps. Maybe without the bipolar disorder, caused so my father could be an E-5 U.S.

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Marine, I could have had this job and had more of an influence on the Marine Corps than one sergeant. I was a **National Merit Scholar** and matriculated **honors biochemistry** at Indiana University.  
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44. This was a GS-15 position. The equivalent rank was **O-6**, or full [colonel in the USMC](https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/online-reading-room/title-list-alphabetically/c/comparison-of-military-and-civilian-equivalent-grades.html) (captain, USN).

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45. However, my opinion does not seem to matter and my father refuses to apologize for all of this happening as a result of **his choice** to join and inflict all of this on his new wife and son. Instead of taking responsibility, he blames our misfortunes on us having defective genes unrelated to the USMC even though he had no evidence of that. This was classic U.S. Marine behavior. Denial and refusal to see the truth because **the lies were more convenient**.

46. It is basic etiquette for human beings to apologize when they hurt another person, even due to an accident like stepping on someone's foot. My father apparently thinks he has done something less than stepping on someone's foot accidentally.

47. I am angry at the poisoning. He apparently is not.

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48. He has not, to my knowledge, lifted a finger to obtain more benefits for people who were poisoned at the base where he served for 19 months. Neither the other bases where he served, **all EPA Superfund sites**.
49. The United States has not apologized for the Vietnam War, but has provided money for Agent Orange cleanup but the USA still resists accountability for children likely severely injured by that dioxin toxin sprayed by the American military.
50. What is the legacy of the U.S. Military in Vietnam? That's why my father joined, after all. That country lost millions of people from U.S. involvement and war, wounding millions more and making 11 million people refugees. Vietnam was drenched in cancer and birth defect-causing Agent Orange.
51. It would have been better for Vietnam if the United States military had never put a single soldier in that country. Millions of deaths and poisoning and generations of Agent Orange catastrophe would have been avoided.

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52. Better to let the Communists control the whole country from the very beginning, avoiding **bombing and poisoning** from the Americans. It could not have been worse than the Vietnam War and what America did to that country.
53. We can see that Vietnam did just fine without Americans controlling everything. Their economy grew and they are part of the Southeast Asia “Tigers” known as ASEAN. It did not take American political control for that to happen.
54. It seems wherever the U.S. military goes, its outdated and low-intelligence approach to the environment causes **havoc, disease, and pain**. It caused the same problems on its own bases in the United States as it inflicts on other countries.
55. Military officers need to be highly competent and educated in environmental matters, not dismissive because they have no education on it and thus can only be expected to act incompetently. Then, with education and a proper respect for the environment, the military leaders can direct the lower ranks to act appropriately.

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56. No more **dumping chemicals** into the ground, water, or air for any reason, anywhere.
57. No more **burn pits**.
58. No more **lies and deceptions**, done like a toddler trying to cover up his misdeeds.
59. No more dishonest American judges preventing the victims from getting their fair justice. **Health care and compensation**, precisely **what I was denied**.
60. Payment for **my mother's wrongful death**. That is a wound that will never heal.