

No.:

**In the
Supreme Court of the United States**

**Andrew U. D. Straw,
*Petitioner,***

v.

**U.S. District Court, N. District of Illinois,
“Executive Committee” (Members Unknown)
*Respondents.***

**On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
to the Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals
Case Numbers 18-1117 & 18-1118 (consolidated)**

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

Whether the District Court below erred in banning my ability to file any lawsuits (and presumably, appeals) in the Northern District of Illinois for one year without any hearing or other due process for me to defend myself and my civil rights.

Whether the failure to process my appeal after I filed my Notice of Appeal (Appx A13) represents compensable procedural due process violations.

Whether suspending my law license in this district with no hearing or other proper due process violated my Fifth Amendment due process rights wholly and completely, in light of the total denial of my ability to use the Court whatsoever for one year.

Whether the Clerk of Court violated my Fifth Amendment rights to due process when he absolutely refused to accept any filings in collaboration with the "Executive Committee's" one-year ban.

Whether denying my *IFP* status was yet more bias so that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit could summarily dismiss my appeal and protect the due process violations of the district court below, especially when my *IFP* status was **GRANTED** in a Court of Appeals case earlier in 2017. *Straw v. U.S. District Court*, 17-2523 (7th Cir.) (Dkt. 9) The Seventh Circuit has demonstrated its permanent bias against me (attainting me) by **hiring my appellee** in *Straw v. Indiana Supreme Court, et. al.*, 17-1338 (7th Cir.).

PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDINGS BELOW

I, *petitioner* Andrew U. D. Straw, a disability rights advocate living in Kane County, Illinois, have been deprived of **5 law licenses** because the courts of the 7th Circuit at the appellate and district level have dishonestly deprived me of due process, even having **hired my appellee, James R. Ahler**, making him into a judge and a millionaire on the U.S. Treasury payroll and then violated me with **bias and prejudice**, favoritism of the highest order. I cannot depend on the 7th Circuit to give me the time of day, much less justice.

Respondent U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois is an entity of the United States and must be responsible for its actions when it violates the 5th Amendment by taking my right to a law license and my right to use the federal courts and denying me procedural due process.

CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

No corporations are parties, and there are no parent companies or publicly held companies owning any corporation's stock to my knowledge. The U.S. District Court is a federal government entity and subject to the Fifth Amendment. I, *petitioner* Andrew U. D. Straw, am a suspended Indiana attorney and I live in Kane County, Illinois. My federal licenses were suspended because of the Indiana Supreme Court and the failure of the Southern District of Indiana and the 7th Circuit to protect me. My suspended licenses: **N.D. Ind., S.D. Ind., and N.D. Ill, and W.D. Wis.**

The **Northern District of Illinois** U.S. District Court, *appellee* here, also suspended me, with no hearing and inadequate process. Both with respect to my law license and my ability to use the Court, there were no hearings, no opportunity to meaningfully object in any fashion whatsoever, with my defense documents ignored. The **Seventh Circuit has hired one of my Indiana Supreme Court appellees and favored him and the others.** Namely, the corrupt disciplinary "hearing" officer from the Indiana Supreme Court: James R. Ahler.

I am a citizen judicially attainted in violation of the Fifth Amendment, with disabilities from public service to the **Indiana Supreme Court** and the **U.S. Marine Corps**. I am poor. I use public housing and food stamps because I seem unable to get justice as a disabled citizen and lawyer from any court in the 7th Circuit, including the 7th Circuit.

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Petitioner respectfully petitions for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the Seventh Circuit in this case.

OPINIONS BELOW

The state court's opinion is reported as *In Re Straw*, 68 N.E.3d 1070 (Ind., 2/14/2017). I sought review because the Indiana discipline is disability discrimination against me as a former employee of that state court, but **no federal court would review it**: *Straw v. Indiana Supreme Court, et. al.*, 17-1338 (7th Cir., cert. denied 1/8/2018). The same district court that would not review the discipline for discrimination imposed it reciprocally and suspended my federal law license with **no hearing**. On appeal, this was upheld based on the *in-absentia* hearing of the hearing officer the 7th Circuit **hired** as my appellee, James R. Ahler. *Straw v. U.S. District Court*, 17-2523 (7th Cir.) (Dkt. 36, 12/21/2017), 17-7499, ___U.S.___ (on petition for certiorari, docketed January 22, 2018). The decision below on review here is *Straw v. U.S. District Court*, 17-1117, 18-1118 (7th Cir., 3/16/2018) and this final ORDER denying IFP status and my right to a law license and the ability to use the Court below was done on **March 16, 2018**.

JURISDICTION

The relevant judgment below was entered on March 16, 2018. Jurisdiction to this Honorable Court from the Court of Appeals is under 28 U.S.C. §1254. The time limit for appeal is 90 days from the 7th Circuit decision done on March 16, 2018. The deadline is June 16, 2018. 28 U.S.C. §2101(c). Original jurisdiction in the Courts below is under the Fifth Amendment as a *Bivens* and *Carey* and *In Re Ruffalo* claim due to taking my license without the process due, namely **a proper, unconflicted hearing**, and the absolute failure of due process in stripping all rights to use the District Court below for one year. *Bell v. Hood*, 327 U.S. 678 (1946), provides that constitutional claims always confer jurisdiction on federal courts.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION AT ISSUE

U.S. Constitution, Amendment V

App'x at A5

INTRODUCTION

I, petitioner Andrew U. D. Straw, am petitioning for a writ of certiorari from this Honorable Court because the Indiana Supreme Court imposed discipline on me suspending my law license and did so in violation of my rights as a disabled lawyer and disability rights advocate who used to work there.

The matter on appeal here is the reciprocal suspension imposed by the Northern District of Illinois after providing no hearing, and refusing to file or consider my defensive pleadings offered after the Indiana suspension took effect. I have had no legitimate hearing from Indiana and the only real hearing I had was from the Virginia State Bar, which called the Indiana attack using its ADA coordinator “a drive-by shooting.” See, App’x at A9-A10. The 3-member panel of the VSB Disciplinary Board stated that ***I proved***, by clear and convincing evidence, that I should not be disciplined. I proved this by the standard that the disciplinary body must meet. This is like a criminal defendant proving his *innocence* beyond a reasonable doubt. App’x at A7-A10.

The Indiana hearing officer was conflicted by being a candidate for Indiana Supreme Court justice while presiding over my case. He made copious errors and omissions to make it seem like my disabilities were not from working at the Indiana Supreme Court when in fact my broken legs and pelvis happened while driving to the Indiana Supreme Court to work. He also omitted that the person who complained was the ADA coordinator for the Indiana Supreme Court when she in fact made her complaint in direct retaliation for my own 2014 ADA complaint to her just days before. His lies and omissions and his being hired by the 7th Circuit while my appellee are a

disgrace to the bench. Instead of my losing so much, James R. Ahler should be banned from the practice of law forever.

The Indiana hearing officer was out for himself only, and when I sued him in federal court, on appeal he applied for a bankruptcy judge position and the 7th Circuit hired him while he was still my appellee, then denied me justice exactly 3 weeks later, favoring all my appellees when equity should have granted me total victory. See, App'x at A6. This violated the ethical rule not to favor a party or be biased in any way. It violated my 5th Amendment right to procedural due process and a fair and unbiased tribunal. Hiring my *appellee* made that *appellee's* hearing officer report completely bogus, unreliable, and illegitimate to use for *any* reason.

The 7th Circuit violated my right to have a fair and unbiased tribunal on appeal and demonstrated that I have never had a fair appeal before that court in the past nearly 4 years, since Indiana started attacking me in 2014 and went after my very first appeal to any court of appeals. Hiring my *appellee* makes everything Indiana did fall to pieces because it demonstrates my 5th & 14th Amendment rights to a fair tribunal was decimated repeatedly. I cannot get justice from any of the lower courts. It is impossible.

The District Court below used a star chamber to consider my filings against a corrupt federal judge who allowed extortion against me, attempts by Locke Lord LLP to **give my Medicare claims information to a newspaper** that it represented, a newspaper that defamed my ADA work, on threat of \$1,000 per day fines from Medicare. Fines Medicare said were impossible. No one on the corrupt courts below saw any problem with this, or Locke Lord's hiring the old law firm of the trial judge for the appeal. *Straw v. Kloecker, et. al.*, 1:14-cv-1420-MIS (N.D. Ill.) (Dkt. 42). The appearance of bias and favoritism, due process violations, is a constant at the 7th Circuit and the courts below. I cannot get justice from these people, but I certainly get unjust discipline and the stripping of my right to use the Court for any reason for a year.

I also lost my ABA membership.¹ My losing the Indiana license and 4 district court licenses (including in the Court below) was used against me at the 11th Circuit to prevent me from representing my family members, suffering from the poisoning and **DEATH** from Camp LeJeune. *Straw v. United States*, 16-17573-GG (11th Cir.); 17-7536, ___U.S.___ (certiorari denied 3/19/2018).

¹ *Straw v. ABA*, 1:17-cv-5714-RPP (N.D. Ill.)

To interfere with this poisoning justice over a couple of abusive federal judges spouting “frivolous” is **obscene**. My family lost their appeal for lack of prosecution when I was banned from bar membership. The 7th Circuit and the Indiana Supreme Court caused this. *Straw v. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit*, 2:18-cv-00028 (N.D. Ind.)

I am suing the U.S. Supreme Court because it has participated in the denial of my justice by unconstitutionally using the Judiciary Act of 1925 in violation of the Fifth Amendment right to due process to deny certiorari petitions for well over 95% of the people who needed justice from this Court, even worse for people like me who ask justice IFP. This is THE ONLY COURT guaranteed by the Constitution itself. Every other court is OPTIONAL, and they appear to see justice as being optional also. I am one of the people this Court has denied over and over and over; I have never been granted certiorari by this Court, with this being my **9th petition**. *Straw v. U.S. Supreme Court*, 1:18-cv-299 (D.DC)

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The ABA honored me for being its “Spotlight” disabled lawyer for January 2014.² At the bottom of this article about me, it mentions that I was studying the relationship between disability, bar admission, and attorney discipline, and the violations of me fit this perfectly. The ABA was prescient in 2014.

No judge asked for me to be punished and I have never received any sanction from April 1999 until February 14, 2017. No client of mine made any complaint. No opposing counsel has ever made any complaint. The only person to make a complaint here was the Indiana Supreme Court **ADA Coordinator**, who worked for my old boss. This despicable situation has been aggravated and expanded by the federal courts at all levels.

This so-called ADA Coordinator complained that I complained. This is illegal. She violated me and disrupted my ADA career and violated my health privacy.

² Comm’n on Disability Rights “Spotlight” Lawyer with Disabilities:

http://www.americanbar.org/groups/disabilityrights/initiatives_wards/spotlight/straw_a.html

Indiana's discipline boils down to **retaliation**, since I complained just days before the ADA Coordinator retaliated. The Indiana Supreme Court clerk of court refused to file my petition for redress of grievances and this too was a due process violation.

Rule 3.1 and its comments encourage **law reform**. What Indiana did was completely self-serving malice poured onto a disabled lawyer *who used to work for them* who tried to use the ADA. That Court's Board of Law Examiners agreed with me in 2006 that its law license encumbrances based on my Marine Corps disabilities appeared to violate Title II of the ADA. In 2006, I was successful in getting those encumbrances removed. I started this as a **successful ADA Title II complainant** against the Indiana Supreme Court.

People with disabilities need lawyers with disabilities. If the federal courts will not punish Indiana or their own members for the violations of me, so harsh, so wrong, will not even review the hateful manner in which I was treated, they should at least not encourage Indiana in its malice by imposing that malice reciprocally without genuine analysis, with no hearing, as here.

Indiana's faithless and false discipline has been heard quite enough. My side needs to be heard.

Virginia State Bar called Indiana's discipline a "drive-by shooting" after the *only bona fide hearing* in the United States on this subject. Virginia is the only state bar or court anyone should listen to. *In Re Straw*, 17-000-108746 (VSB, Disciplinary Board, June 20, 2017). App'x at A7-A10.

Nobody else besides VSB gave me a real hearing using an impartial and fair tribunal. The Indiana hearing officer did not give me a real hearing because he was conflicted then, and his conflicts only grew when the Seventh Circuit hired him to be a judge on June 15, 2017 and made him a millionaire from U.S. Treasury funds right before favoring him and the other appellees in my appeal on July 6, 2017. *Straw v. Indiana Supreme Court, et. al.*, 17-1338 (7th Cir. 7/6/2017). James R. Ahler's Seventh Circuit hiring notice is in the attached Appendix. App'x at A6.

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE WRIT

- I. Supreme Court Rule 10(c): "a United States court of appeals has decided an important question of federal law that has not been, but should be, settled by this Court, or has decided an important federal question in a way that conflicts with relevant decisions of this Court."

- II. The Court of Appeals and the District Court have totally abandoned any semblance of due process for me and feel free to strip my law license and my ability to use the district court altogether. This is an inexcusable and impeachable method of violating a lawyer with disabilities from public service.
- III. The U.S. Supreme Court has taken strong positions on the importance of law licenses as a constitutional matter, and the U.S. District Court below has simply ignored the process needed to avoid miscarriages of justice, and a miscarriage has happened here.
- IV. Stripping an individual of the ability to use the district court is one of the most extreme deprivations of constitutional and legal rights that I can imagine. Two ADA cases have already been denied. This must be punished with a mandate and prohibition and compensatory and punitive damages to express how wrong this was and how it must NEVER happen again because this is tyranny.

CONCLUSION

This case is about protecting me from my former employer's discrimination and its collateral damage in the suspension of my Northern District of Illinois federal law license as well as the unfair ban on my using the District Court below with no hearing or any meaningful opportunity to defend myself. Indiana's interference with me has now expanded into

reciprocal discipline in the U.S. District Court below and 3 others. *Straw v. U.S. District Court*, 17-2523 (7th Cir.) (**SDIN** suspension); 17-7499, ___U.S.___ (pet. for certiorari); *Straw v. U.S. District Court*, 17-3550 (7th Cir.) (**WIWD** suspension); *Straw v. U.S. District Court*, 18-1117, 18-1118 (7th Cir., 3/16/2018, this case) (**ILND**); *Straw v. U.S. District Court*, 2:18-cv-00043 (N.D. Ind.) (**INND**), 18-1387 (7th Cir.); *Straw v. U.S. District Court*, 1:18-cv-607 (S.D. Ind.) (**SDIN** 5th Amendment money damages sought).

None of these courts or the Court of Appeals³ below have insisted that real, unconflicted hearings before a fair tribunal or other types of due process must be given to protect me. Even the Virginia State Bar hearing has been absolutely *ignored* in favor of Indiana and its dishonest hearing officer, hired by the Court of Appeals while he was my appellee as I challenged his bogus hearing, which was replete with ADA violations and unlawful omissions and falsehoods. App'x at A7-A10.

The Virginia State Bar says that *I proved by clear and convincing evidence* that no discipline was appropriate given the facts, and this absolutely

³ *Straw v. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit*, 2:18-cv-00028 (N.D. Ind.)

precludes reciprocal discipline somewhere else because it is impossible for another place to conclude the opposite under **full faith and credit**. App'x at A7-A10.

Virginia says that ***I PROVED*** by clear and convincing evidence that no discipline was warranted, and this is much more in my favor than merely showing a state fell short of this standard. *In Re Straw*, 17-000-108746 (VSB, Disciplinary Board, 2017) <http://www.vsb.org/docs/Straw-062217.pdf>

After due deliberation, the Board reconvened and stated its finding that the **Respondent had proven, by clear and convincing evidence**, that his conduct was not conduct that would have resulted in disciplinary action in the Commonwealth of Virginia. VSB ORDER, at *4. App'x at A7-A10.

Indiana did not even mention the standard being used. *In Re Straw*, 68 N.E.3d 1070 (Ind., 2/14/2017). Indiana's chief justice repeated over and over that my cases were "frivolous" when no federal judge in the four federal cases issued any Rule 11 sanction, not even a ***private*** formal reprimand. Indiana wanted to interfere in those federal cases and it had no right or power to do so, especially when I was complaining about over a decade of discrimination by ***THAT Indiana Supreme Court***. I OWN the equity

here with my broken legs and pelvis and smashed nose working for the Indiana Supreme Court.

The federal judges decided *against* discipline in all four cases, and Indiana inflated this total lack of discipline to 180 days of suspension without automatic reinstatement. *I will not apologize* for aggressively using the ADA with facts and law before irascible and WRONG federal judges. Therefore, **all 5 of these licenses** are *de facto* disbarments, with my license in Virginia in active and good standing status. It is bizarre how this is the result, but understandable in the context of discrimination by the Indiana Supreme Court and the other courts in the 7th Circuit. It is understandable when the 7th Circuit dishonestly **hired my appellee, James R. Ahler**, the Indiana Supreme Court hearing officer, making him a judge, a millionaire, and a favored litigant in my case, like all the other appellees. This is a disgrace, a due process nightmare for me, and every bit of it needs to be denounced and punished. No court has the right to ban me for doing ADA work. No court has the right to suspend me for doing ADA work after my mental and physical disabilities in service to the **U.S. Marine Corps** and the **Indiana Supreme Court and 400+ lower courts**. That's all anyone should be thinking about.

My service has been dishonored by dishonest judges who do not deserve their offices.

This Illinois fake justice is wholly Indiana's long, cold, slimy arm of injustice reaching up to injure me with its fangs and venom some more.

The worst violations of me always seem to happen in Chicago. Ahler was hired by the 7th Circuit. That should guarantee my victory in every aspect of this mess that keeps getting wider and uglier.

It appears nothing is so important as making sure **James R. Ahler** gets his reward for misrepresenting my actions and inflicting the maximum damage. So, Ahler's having applied for that plum judge job to helped him escape my righteous appeal, and he will be paid over \$2.6 million from the U.S. Treasury over the next 14 years. I presume I will obtain **no justice at all**, as the last 4 years have shown because **I am attained down to my DNA** and neither this Court nor any other in the Midwest will give me justice.

If this case stands for anything, it should stand for the U.S. Supreme Court disapproving of a court of appeals hiring the litigants before that court and favoring the chosen ones with the appeal still pending!

Bias and favoritism are 5th Amendment procedural due process issues of the highest order in

a civil case. These violations are so severe, I am asking compensatory and punitive damages for ruining my law career in the Midwest.

I want compensation for the procedural due process violation of not providing me a hearing and before taking my license and banning me, shoving my face in the dirt after I broke both legs and my pelvis for the Indiana Supreme Court with **abuse the reward** for my sacrifice. *Bivens v. Six Unknown Agents*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971); *Carey v. Piphus*, 435 U.S. 247 (1978); *Ex Parte Garland*, 71 U.S. 333, 379 (1867) (One does not hold a law license merely “as a matter of grace and favor.”); *In Re Ruffalo*, 390 U.S. 544 (1968); *In Re Ming*, 469 F.2d 1352 (1972) *Supreme Court of N.H. v. Piper*, 470 U.S. 274, 281 (1985) (“The opportunity to practice law is a ‘fundamental right’ which falls within the ambit of the Privileges and Immunities Clause.”).

After what happened to me, how can I trust any judge in the Midwest? I don't. No one has stood up for me and my rights. I want my full compensation for these outrageous ethical violations that are so severe, they violate the 5th Amendment so intensely it is like burning the original copy of the Bill of Rights, just to hurt me. I need compensation so I can start anew elsewhere without having lost any time. I cannot be expected to move when I own no vehicle, have no

money, own no real property, and the reason for my destitute state is Midwest judges being dishonest toward me, violating my disability and Fifth Amendment rights.

I want federal judges to stop stealing my justice from me. STEALING, because it is criminal what has happened to me, always losing, at least 50 times by my count getting ripped off with a biased and unreasonable “**DENIED.**” The 7th Circuit is not a court to me. It is a circus of self-interested judges favoring other self-interested judges at the district level and it happens at my expense.

This is why the summary affirmance and denial of *IFP* status is so utterly offensive to me. The exact opposite would have been justice. To ban me from using the district court where I live is such a *violence*. To take my law license with no hearing and relying on a liar and cheat like **James R. Ahler** is just more of the dishonesty I have come to expect from every court in the 7th Circuit at all levels.

Congress should abolish the 7th Circuit and impeach all its judges. The 7th Circuit hiring my *appellee* is enough to justify this result. The entire circuit court supported these violations of me, including reciprocal suspension in 4 district courts, as

here. Including banning me from using the district court where I live.

After 4 years of continual losses before district courts and the circuit court being proven **biased** against me, I don't want their law licenses, only compensation. I have renounced my Midwest law licenses because I cannot practice before dishonest judges and against dishonest lawyers who allow this travesty to continue and **benefit from it**.

I don't have years of my life to dedicate to fighting their consistent dishonesty when losing costs me so much time and effort. My life is likely to be shorter because I was born on the Superfund site known as Camp LeJeune Marine Corps base.

I ask for respect for that sacrifice and my shortened life. My mother got cancer and died at 48. I am 49 today and this Court issued two more denials of certiorari and my justice on this day, my birthday.

Thanks, Supreme Court of the United States. You dishonored the death of my mother on my birthday. You dishonored the disabilities of my daughter on my birthday, her broken spine from the Marine Corps poisoning. You dishonored my disabilities today, on my birthday.

I am disabled from public service to the Indiana Supreme Court and the U.S. Marine Corps. www.andrewudstraw.com I suffer enough without having to struggle against a dishonest legal system that refuses to enforce disability law and abuses me with false “frivolous” and unjust “DENIED.” I have NEVER filed anything frivolous, but I have been abused by state and federal judges hundreds of times and I want you to remember it.

Look at me and my suffering in poverty because courts discriminate. Courts **HIRE MY APPELLEES**, I am so disfavored. I will not go through this again. I WILL NOT. James Madison is spinning in his grave at how corrupt the federal courts are toward the descendant of American Founder, Dr. Thomas Young.

As a disability rights leader, I can tell this Court the lower courts are oppressors of disability rights and should not have immunity when they are on campaigns of terror against disabled lawyers, including those whose disabilities come from public service to 400+ state courts and the U.S. Marine Corps, which also killed my mother. That’s me.

This Court itself has a hideous history of discrimination against people with disabilities. *Buck v. Bell*, 247 U.S. 200 (1927) authorized the same type of sterilization of disabled people that Nazi Germany

adopted in 1933 before murdering the disabled. SHAME on you. This has not yet been overturned. Denounce it now, I ask you. Also, denounce *Stump v. Sparkman*, 435 U.S. 349 (1978). NO judge should ever be protected for sterilizing someone against their will. That is a shame, a pure evil of soul on this Court that must be denounced.

What if this Court allowed sterilization to get rid of Jews or reduce the number of women or blacks? Denounce it. This is the only way the lower courts are going to learn that hurting disabled people will no longer be tolerated or left hovering poisonous in the precedential atmosphere. I would ask clarification about *Younger* and *Rooker-Feldman* to instruct the lower courts that **these do not apply** to the ADA. Never have, and never will. State courts must comply with the ADA and all its regulations and district and appellate courts must enforce it.

Without such guidance, I cannot depend on the federal or state courts in the Midwest because there is a constant stream of state court injustice I have experienced, and no federal judge there so far is willing to buck the trend. A disabled lawyer needs judges who will uphold the law, not *always* find illegitimate and abusive excuses to perpetuate discrimination and allow retaliation by state courts.

Give me the right to oppose disability discrimination in federal court without retaliation, without constant accusations of “frivolous” which are abusive in themselves and deserving of punishment, without Indiana violating me and the federal courts helping it to do so reciprocally, as here.

Using “frivolous” as a means to repeal a civil rights law judicially is absolutely worthy of impeachment.

Give me the right to oppose discrimination with the district courts not only stripping my law licenses, but also banning my use of the CM/ECF systems, failing to act on my notices of appeal, and in the case of the Northern District of Illinois, banning me from using the district court **altogether** for one year with NO due process, no hearing, in secret. *In Re Straw*, 1:17-cv-7717 (N.D. Ill.) (NDIL suspension); *In Re Straw*, 1:17-cv-7500 (N.D. Ill. “Executive Committee” secret star chamber stripped my right to file any case for one year); *Straw v. U.S. District Court*, 18-1117, 18-1118 (7th Cir., 3/16/2018).

Give me the *In Forma Pauperis* that the 7th Circuit has already had approved for me in another case last year. *Straw v. U.S. District Court*, 17-2523 (7th Cir., 12/21/2017), 17-7499, ___U.S.___ (on petition for certiorari). The only true reason I am being denied

IFP below is because I challenged Chief Judge Diane Wood and her hiring of my appellee, hearing officer James R. Ahler. Ethics is not optional, and its absence creates 5th Amendment due process violations.

Chief Judge Diane Wood of the 7th Circuit is a civil rights violator. She used her position as chief judge and chair of the 7th Circuit Judicial Council to injure me and retaliate when I complained about her and her corrupt colleagues who hired my *appellee* and consistently favor my opponents, **EVERY TIME**. *In Re Andrew U. D. Straw*, 07-17-90039 (7th Cir. Jud. Council, 1/8/2018) (Imposing a financial burden on me if I file any future ethical complaints about the corrupt 7th Circuit or its corrupt chief judge).

They act like I am an idiot, but I am not. US OPM found me to be qualified to be the general counsel of the U.S. Access Board and my disability law experience makes me more qualified to decide these issues than the judges saying **DENIED** over and over.

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I don't want this license back. I cannot practice law around such people. I want full compensatory and punitive **damages** in the amount of \$5 million per

license (x5) plus all the consequential damages, which I calculate at **\$56,500,000** total.

It would also warm my heart to see this Court punish **Hon. Diane Wood** severely for defending her own ethical violations and threatening me with financial penalties when she knew I have been in poverty because judges and courts in the Midwest have stripped me of my rights wholly and completely.

I want Wood to be **punished** along with any other circuit judge who supported the violence to my civil rights. I would like to see this Court remove **Hon. James R. Ahler** from his plum job as a federal bankruptcy judge in Hammond, Indiana. He got that job through ethical violations. Please do it and say publicly that he is being fired for discriminating against me and cheating on the appeal by getting hired by the Court of Appeals. *Straw v. Indiana Supreme Court, et. al.*, 17-1338 (7th Cir. 7/6/2017)

I am suing the Court of Appeals for its 5th Amendment violations against me. The lower courts will not give me justice, and if this Court wishes to review that matter with this one, I agree. *Straw v. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit*, 2:18-cv-00028 (N.D. Ind.)

Say it like it is. VSB said using an ADA Coordinator to attack a disabled ADA lawyer is a **“drive-by shooting.”** Appx. at A7-A10. **James R. Ahler** held the gun and Indiana pulled the trigger on Valentine’s Day 2017. I am the bleeding victim crying out to the Supreme Court for help against the Northern District of Illinois’ reciprocal attacks.

Furthermore, the Appendix shows that the Clerk of the Northern District of Illinois failed to proceed with my appeal when I filed a notice of appeal. Appx A13. The utter lack of any hearing or other due process is just the next example of how I am attainted in the 7th Circuit judicially. I cannot get justice in this place and I am suing the U.S. Supreme Court because it allows it, encourages it, by not deciding any case I bring on petition for writ of certiorari. This case will not be reviewed, just like all the others, and it is violation of the 5th Amendment and Article III. Why do I say Article III? The lower courts are clearly shown in Article III to be optional. This means the only court that has a mandatory obligation to take cases and decide them is the U.S Supreme Court and my right to that service has been denied half a dozen times now when I should have had justice every time.

Apparently, it takes suing the U.S. Supreme Court to get that Court to consider that maybe its certiorari system from 1925 violates the Constitution

itself. Congress cannot take away the right to have a case reviewed and the U.S. Supreme Court has never to my knowledge reviewed that system, but now it can because I challenge it. I have been hurt by it.

**CERTIFICATE OF TRUTH AND
CORRECTNESS**

I, Andrew U. D. Straw, certify that my statements and factual allegations above and any in the attached appendix are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief under penalty of perjury. **Date: March 19, 2018**

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