

# Lawyer Can't Sue Over Poor Avvo Rating and Allegedly Incorrect Bar Status, Federal Judge Rules

"Updated: A federal judge in Seattle has tossed a lawyer's \$1.5 million defamation lawsuit against Avvo for allegedly posting false information that made him look 'terrible,'" reports Debra Cassens Weiss in *ABA Journal's Daily News*.

"U.S. District Judge James L. Robart of the Western District of Washington dismissed lawyer Andrew U.D. Straw's claims for defamation, tortious interference with contractual relations, intentional infliction of emotional distress and disability discrimination."

"Straw took issue with two Avvo statements. The first was his then-Avvo rating of 3.1 out of 10. The second was an allegedly false description of Straw's Virginia bar status as 'not active but disabled.'"

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