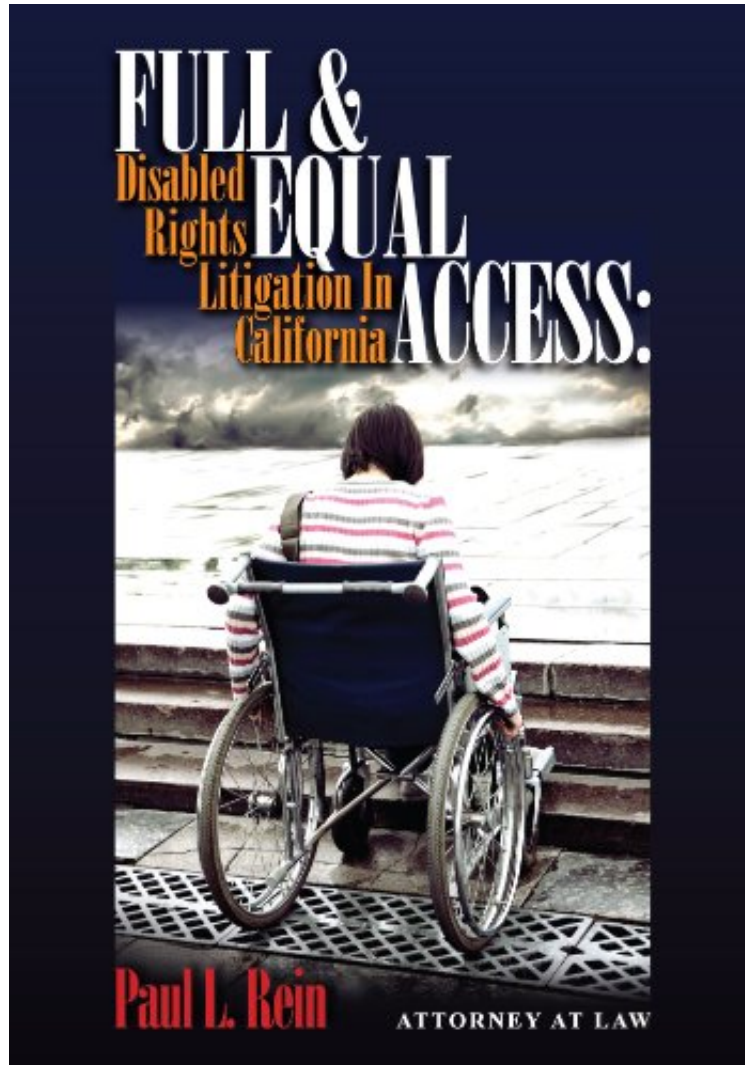


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About the AuthorStarting 38 years ago, I've chosen to devote my law practice to representation of physically disabled persons in civil rights cases challenging architectural barriers and other forms of disability discrimination. A major motivation has been observing the obvious courage of many of my disabled clients. Many physically disabled persons face daily challenges unthinkable to able-bodied persons; yet many are still able and willing to use their time and energy to work in the public interest to improve conditions for others. For two weeks in 1984 I served as the personal attendant for a quadriplegic friend so he could travel to and attend a World Conference for disability leaders in Kingston, Jamaica (sponsored by the Disabled Persons International (DPI) organization). My friend (and sometimes client) was Jim Donald, an active Sacramento attorney who was serving as the United States representative to DPI. Working as the attendant (substituting on a last minute, emergency basis) for an active quadriplegic gave me a unique opportunity to realize some of the real personal physical difficulties that persons with severe physical disabilities have to face. This was particularly so when flying with Jim to a Third World (and even less accessible) country, and there attending meetings and educational and social events. Although Jim used a motorized wheelchair, he was well known for traveling all over the world to investigate conditions affecting disabled persons, for example visiting (and complaining about treatment of disabled persons in) Japan's prisons, mental hospitals and medical facilities. I also had an opportunity to observe disability close at hand when my mother, Erma Rein, suffered a stroke and subsequent brain surgery in 1984. Rendered hemiplegic and aphasic, she fought back to regain her abilities to speak, read, live an independent life, and enjoy another six years of life. Ironically, my mother had emotionally and financially supported my work pioneering private enforcement of California's disability access laws since the mid 1970s, before incurring her own disability. Erma Rein helped financially to keep my office afloat while I handled early cases on a mostly volunteer basis, until I began earning sufficient statutory attorney fees from public interest access cases to fully support our work. Our mother was very pleased during the remainder of her life that both her sons (myself and my brother, Steve) were working to achieve better access for disabled persons. Her support was inspirational.