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EXPERIENCE

Reporter

Freelance

- January 2019 – present
 - Reporting on legal affairs, politics and general news for various outlets, including The Washington Post, American Bar Association Journal, Los Angeles Times Community News and the Laguna Beach Independent.

TV and radio correspondent

Freelance

- October 2010 – present
 - My reporting has led to appearances on true-crime shows, radio news programs and television newscasts, beginning in Spokane with back-to-back appearances on Nancy Grace and repeated appearances on the local NBC affiliate KHQ-TV.

Reporter

Los Angeles Daily Journal

- March 2016 – April 2020
 - Covered the California Supreme Court after reporting on law firms and litigation in Orange County. Coverage of Michael Avenatti's cross-country saga placed second for "best beat reporting" in the 2020 Orange County Press Club awards. Also profiled judges and major players in the judiciary.

Reporter

The Orange County Register

- November 2014 – February 2016
 - Investigated campaign finance and pay-for-play scandals involving longtime Orange County politician while reporting on county government and the Board of Supervisors.
- March 2013 – November 2014
 - Covered politics and development in San Juan Capistrano. Reporting on double homicide led to appearance on CBS News' "48 Hours."

Breaking news and online editor

The Idaho Statesman

- September 2012 – March 2013
 - Reported news through tips and scanner traffic while using public records to flesh out enterprise coverage of the criminal justice system. Covered a high-profile mental competency hearing for a serial killer and wrote a two-part enterprise piece on jury grief and bonding that published in newspapers across the country.

Reporter

The Spokesman-Review

- April 2009 – September 2012
 - Reported on crime, police and courts for the Spokane, Wash., newspaper. Founded the popular cops and courts blog Sirens & Gavels. Helped pioneer the use of Twitter to cover trials live from the courtroom.
- December 2007 – April 2009
 - Covered breaking news and general assignments during the 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift.
- May 2006 – December 2007
 - Covered the K-12 school districts in North Idaho.
- December 2005 – May 2006
 - Covered the 2006 Idaho Legislature under the tutelage of a veteran statehouse reporter.

News editor, senior news reporter

Oregon Daily Emerald

- June 2004 – December 2005
 - Covered campaign speeches by John Edwards, Ralph Nader and President George W. Bush while investigating major university projects like the new Nike-funded basketball arena. Newspaper was a national finalist for best student newspaper with the Society of Professional Journalists.

Intern

The Bulletin

- June 2005 – September 2005
 - Reporter at the Bend, Oregon, newspaper as one of 12 student journalists selected statewide for the Charles Snowden internship program at the University of Oregon.

EDUCATION

Double major: News-editorial journalism and political science

University of Oregon

- Bachelor of Science, December 2005