



JOE JOHNS

EMMY AWARD WINNING
BROADCAST JOURNALIST
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CAREER OBJECTIVE

Elite American journalist and presenter with decades of experience in global television news reporting and information gathering operations. Seeking opportunities in documentary, and long form storytelling as well as management of corporate internal and external messaging. Committed to using my legal training and practical experience to advance public and private interests that matter.

EXPERIENCE

June 2023 - Present

JohnsLaw Virginia LLC

- Law and Legal Services

January 2004 - February 2023

CNN: Senior Washington/Congressional Correspondent

- Recorded and filmed interviews and narratives in the U.S. and internationally.
- News Conferences including White House Briefings
- Presidential and Congressional Campaigns including Debates
- Political Conventions
- U.S. Federal Elections
- U.S. Supreme Court Hearings and Case Decisions
- Revised work to meet editorial approval and to fit time and space requirements.
- Reported news stories for publication or broadcast, describing background, and details of events.
- Examined news items of local, national, and international significance to determine topics to address and obtained assignments from editorial staff members.
- Credentialed White House Press Corps under five U.S. Presidents
- Department of Defense Media Pool
- Fill-in Anchoring on request from Washington, New York and Atlanta.

January 2008 - December 2010

Advisory Board Of Directors

Society of Yeager Scholars, Marshall University , Huntington, West Virginia

- Recruitment of highly student candidates for the program
- Fundraising Advice

January 2006 - November 2008

Board Member: Regional Chapter

National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Washington, DC

- Informed committee and board about issues, problems and duties to facilitate policy-making.
- Participated in meetings and offered input.
- Complied with fiduciary duties as a member of the board.

January 2004 - December 2006

Board Member

DC Law Students in Court, Washington, DC

- Participated in board meetings and decisions

November 1993 - January 2004

Capitol Hill Correspondent

NBC News, Washington, DC

- Covered and reported on daily federal policy news developments from Congress and The White House.
- Delivered live reports for TODAY and other NBC News programs.
- Covered breaking news for MSNBC
- Generated content ideas to engage audiences,

January 2003 - December 2003

President

Radio Television Correspondents Association, WASHINGTON, DC

- Collaborated with board members and members of Congress on execution of the annual Radio Television Correspondents Association Dinner.
- Planned and hosted the annual RTCA Dinner with the President of the United States as guest of honor.

January 2002 - December 2002

Chairman, Executive Committee

Senate- House Radio TV Correspondents Gallery, WASHINGTON, DC

- Set the Committee's strategic direction by identifying new opportunities and addressing challenges.
- Devised rules and procedures to improve decision-making processes.
- Cultivated favorable relationships and mutually beneficially agreements with Congressional staff and Members of Congress to advance electronic news coverage on Capitol Hill.

February 1990 - April 1996

Coordinator Broadcast Journalism Curriculum

The Broadcast Factory , Washington, DC

- Trained selected high school students in use of equipment, such as switchers, cameras, monitors, microphones, and lights.
- Taught control room and studio procedures including switching between video sources, proper composition of camera shots, prompter use and graphics.
- Taught the basics of broadcast news interviewing, story-telling and editorial decision-making.

May 1981 - September 1983

DC Government And Crime/Courts Reporter

WRC-TV News Four , WASHINGTON, DC

- Arranged interviews.
- Covered and reported breaking news on air including developments in Washington, D.C.'s drug wars and the political career of then Mayor Marion Barry.
- Established and maintained relationships with individuals who were credible sources of information.

May 1981 - September 1983

Crime And Courts Reporter

WSOC-TV, Charlotte, North Carolina

- Reported news stories for broadcast.
- Reported on specialized fields, topics, and industries.
- Checked reference books, news files, and public records on a daily basis to obtain leads.
- Fill in anchoring

Noon News Anchor And Reporter

WSAZ-TV, Huntington, West Virginia

- Arranged and conducted interviews with people who provided information about items of interest.
- Transmitted news stories and reported information from the studio and remote locations.
- Gathered information and developed perspectives about news subjects through research, interviews, observation, and experience.

EDUCATION

May 2002

Juris Doctor (J.D.) In Law

American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC,
US, US

Relevant Coursework

- Congressional Investigations
- Lobbying
- Civil and Criminal Trial Practice
- Evidence

Extracurricular Activities

- WCL Class Speaker 2002

May 1980

Bachelors Degree In Political Science/American National Gov

Marshall University , Huntington, WV

SKILLS

- Event Coverage
- Active Listening
- Story Shaping
- Beat Reporting
- Critical Thinking
- Criminal Law
- Social Media Platforms
- Trending Stories
- Compiling Information
- Editing Articles
- TV Broadcasting
- Creative Writing
- Press Conferences
- Script Approvals
- Corporate Law
- Investigative Writing
- Telephone Interviews
- Breaking News Tracking
- Research Tips
- Editorial Collaboration
- Evaluate Leads
- Promotional Campaigns
- Story Pitches
- Voiceover Writing
- Feature Writing
- Media Operations Knowledge
- Investigative Reports
- Political Story Writing
- Foreign Affairs Policies Analysis
- Content Review

- Editorial Guidelines

CERTIFICATIONS

- Pilgrims Group : Hostile Environment Training (2002)
- PADI Certified Advanced Scuba Diving (for underwater content gathering)
- Virginia Bar
- War Correspondents' Boot Camp Quantico Marine Base 2002

REFERENCES

References available upon request

AWARDS

- Network News Emmy 2011: Anderson Cooper 360 Outstanding Coverage of a Breaking News Story "Haiti in Ruins" (1/13/2010)
- Network News Emmy 2011: Anderson Cooper 360 Outstanding Coverage of a Current News Story - Long Form (1/14/2010)
- National Association of Black Journalists "Salute to Excellence Award 2007: Specialty Reporting: "Injustice and the Environment".
- National Association of Black Journalists "Salute to Excellence Award 2006" Features/Short Form: "Strange Fruit".
- Edward R. Murrow Award Contributor 2002: NBC News Arrest of the D.C. Snipers.

PUBLICATIONS

- Wrote and contributed to online reporting for CNN and MSNBC
- Death By Mail: The Anthrax Letters (2011) CNN Documentary
- Voters In America: Who Counts (2012) CNN Documentary

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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