

MEGHAN DWYER

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JOURNALISM

WGN-TV, Chicago, IL

Per Diem General Assignment Reporter, March 2017 – Present

Extensive live and breaking news coverage. Help generate content for all of WGN's newscasts. Specialize in advancing the story the next day with records requests and exclusive leads. Regularly contribute pieces to WGN Investigates. Fill-in anchor for CLTV.

WITI-TV, Milwaukee, WI

Investigative Reporter, February 2013 – March 2017

Reported original, highly promotable content, specializing in backgrounding on deadline, legal research, deciphering data and long-term projects. Investigations often went "viral," driving unprecedented traffic to the FOX6 website. Stories resulted in legislation, policy changes, and class action lawsuits.

WIFR-TV, Rockford, IL

Criminal and Legal Reporter/Fill-in Anchor/Producer, Summer 2011– February 2013

Shot, wrote, and edited enterprise stories on daily deadline as a multimedia journalist. Tapped to launch special segment "Operation Safer Streets," dedicated to identifying and exploring issues related to Rockford's crime rate and backlogged court system. Newsroom leader using social media to develop sources. Anchored and produced Noon shows. Extensive live and breaking news reporting.

Medill Watchdog and Accountability Initiative, Chicago, IL

Fellow, Summer 2011

Investigated systemic flaws in state and local government. Stories about Illinois lobbying laws published in *Chicago Tribune*. Supervised multimedia content production, undergraduate research, and FOIA requests.

WBBM-TV, Chicago, IL

Investigative Unit Intern, Spring 2011

Assisted investigative reporter Pam Zekman with package production and all stages of story vetting.

Medill News Service, Chicago, IL

Multimedia Urban Affairs Reporter, Fall 2010 – Winter 2011

Reported, shot, edited and wrote pieces on crime and public safety. Generated exclusive content under tight deadlines. Stories ran in *Northwest Indiana Times*, *The Chicago Journal*, cbslocal.com. Nominated for 2010-2011 Emmy by Chicago/Midwest Chapter of NATAS for student documentary on transgender female coming out to her family for the first time.

Indiana Daily Student/IUSTV, Bloomington, IN

Features Editor, Opinion Editor, Campus Editor, Reporter, Page Designer, Talent, 2001-2004

Gained invaluable journalism experience working at award-winning student-run newspaper with 15,000 daily circulation. Chaired editorial board. Anchored weekly newscast. Rookie of the Year 2001.

CNN Inside Politics with Judy Woodruff, Washington, DC

Political Unit Intern, Summer 2003

Interviewed presidential candidates in the field with Candy Crowley. Assisted video editors with daily package production. Researched political issues. Wrote stories for CNN.com on the advent of online primaries, the Howard Dean campaign, and millionaires in the U.S. Senate.

LAW

Arnstein & Lehr LLP, Chicago, IL

Litigation Associate, Summer 2007, Spring 2008 – Spring 2010

Litigated commercial cases in state and federal court, representing high profile clients like Sears and Motor Coach Industries. Demonstrated ability to research, write, and perform well under pressure.

Monroe County Public Defender, Bloomington, IN

Legal Extern, Fall 2007

Drafted motions to exclude illegal search and seizure evidence in DUI, drug, and gun cases.

United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Kentucky, Louisville, KY

Law Clerk, Criminal and Civil Divisions, Summer 2006

Researched death penalty laws in the high-profile case of Steven Green, a former U.S. Army private accused of crimes in Iraq. Responded to prisoners who filed petitions challenging their convictions.

Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Domestic Violence Section Intern, Summer 2004

Drafted petitions for protection orders and conducted initial intake interviews with victims.

Monroe County Prosecutor's Office, Bloomington, IN

Victim Assistance Volunteer, Spring 2004

Served as primary victim contact throughout all stages of the legal process.

EDUCATION

The Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

MSJ, June 2011

Indiana University Maurer School of Law – Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

JD, May 2008 (Licensed to practice in Illinois)

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

BA, *cum laude*, Journalism, May 2005

AWARDS

Illinois Associated Press, Best Hard News Feature 2013 (2nd place)

Illinois Broadcasters Association, Silver Dome Award for Best Reporter 2013

Illinois Broadcasters Association, Best Investigative Report 2014 (2nd place)

Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, Award of Excellence for Investigative Reporting 2014 (2nd place)

Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, Award of Excellence for Best Series 2014 (3rd place)

Chicago/Midwest Chapter of NATAS, 2014 Emmys (2) crime and education reporting

Chicago/Midwest Chapter of NATAS, 2015 Emmys (1) education reporting

Wisconsin Broadcasters Association, 2015 Best Series or Documentary (1st place)

Milwaukee Press Club, 2015 Best Investigative Report (Gold Award)

Investigative Reporters & Editors, 2015 IRE Award Finalist

Chicago/Midwest Chapter of NATAS, 2016 Emmys (1) investigative series

Chicago/Midwest Chapter of NATAS, 2017 Emmys (3) consumer, education, and societal concerns

VOLUNTEER

Rainbows for All Children, Governing Board Secretary, Evanston, IL (2014-present)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee, Big Sister, Milwaukee, WI (2014-2017)