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EXPERIENCE

Various publications *Freelance Writer*

New York, NY
July 2025 – Present

- Pitches and reports stories for TravelHost and BK Reader on local news, public meetings, travel news and more
- Writes over 10 stories a week on tight deadlines for TravelHost in order to deliver the latest news to a global audience of travelers and tourists looking to fuel their wanderlust

Thomson Reuters *Editor*

New York, NY
March 2025 – Present

- Researches and writes high-quality articles in the health law sector covering medical malpractice, insurance fraud, health policy and employee benefits
- Aggregates stories and litigation concerning the Trump administration's directives that impact civil rights law
- Collaborate across teams to produce high quality content, and identifies regulatory and other court documents to guide reporting

Courthouse News Service *Brooklyn Courts Reporter*

Brooklyn, NY
September 2023 – March 2025

- Tracked and covered cases in the Eastern District of New York, encompassing the Brooklyn and Long Island federal courthouses
- Interviewed law professors, attorneys and other legal experts to produce analysis stories on high-profile trials such as Trump's criminal trial in New York and produced daily coverage of trials such as the murder of Run-DMC deejay Jam Master Jay
- Created a daily report of civil cases filed in EDNY each day which was utilized by law firms, public relations agencies and other news publications

Capitol News Illinois *Statehouse Reporting Intern*

Springfield, IL
January 2023 – July 2023

- Followed bills through the legislative process during the 103rd General Assembly to provide in-depth reporting and policy analyses which were picked up by nearly every news publication in the state including Crain's Chicago Business, NPR-member stations and local newspapers
- Created a source network with state representatives, state senators, press staff, and constitutional officers, and regularly conducted interviews to aid reporting on significant legislation
- Utilized Google Suite to produce spreadsheets that tracked legislation and ongoing projects, and created data visualizations to supplement reporting

Becker's Healthcare *Editorial Intern*

Chicago, IL
June 2022 – December 2022

- Pitched and reported enterprise stories with a command of AP Style relevant to healthcare leaders that received 25,000+ views and performed at the top of multiple daily newsletters
- Interviewed CNOs, CMOs and other C-Suite executives while tracking newsletter trends to boost readership
- Conducted research and used Google Suite to create reports that detailed trends pertinent in the healthcare industry, including nurse retention, diversity in leadership and infection rates for Covid-19 and monkeypox

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Springfield *MA, Public Affairs Reporting*

Springfield, IL
August 2022 – June 2023

- Graduate News Assistant at NPR Illinois (August – December 2022)
- Recipient of the Illinois Press Foundation's Public Affairs Reporting Scholarship

DePaul University *BA, Journalism and Political Science*

Chicago, IL
August 2018 – June 2022

- Production Assistant for WTTW's Chicago Tonight