



MELISSA BERMAN

ATTORNEY | JOURNALIST

LICENSED ATTORNEY
STATE OF ILLINOIS, 2017
STATE OF FLORIDA, 2019
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, 2021

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EDUCATION

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW

JURIS DOCTOR
MAY 2017

- DEAN'S HONOR LIST

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - COLUMBIA

BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM
MAY 2012

- WALTER WILLIAMS SCHOLAR

2013 - Present

Viola | Chicago Bar Association
Symphony Orchestra

JOURNALISM, MEDIA

NEWS WRITER, PER DIEM

WGN-TV | CHICAGO

February 2015 - Present

- Research, write and edit stories for daily newscasts
- Write stories for web
- Fill-in Line Producer for CLTV, a 24-hour cable news channel operated by WGN-TV until 2019

SPECIAL PROJECTS

ILLINOIS THOROUGHbred

July 2014 - December 2016

HORSEMEN'S ASSOC. | CICERO, IL

- Oversaw launch of new website
- Managed social media accounts and website

PLANNING EDITOR, LINE PRODUCER, WRITER

TOUCHVISION TV | CHICAGO

January 2013 - July 2014

- Helped launch 24/7 news network across TV, Internet and App from first full-staff stage through continuous programming in numerous markets
- Booked interviews, gathered resources, found future stories. Assigned airdates
- Produced all evening newscasts and 4 to 6 "newsmovies" per shift. Researched, wrote and storyboarded each newsmovie. Collaborated with graphics artists to produce elements, found video and music for stories
- Copy-edited scripts and reviewed pieces for air

REPORTER, PRODUCER, ANCHOR, PRODUCTION ASST.

KOMU-TV | COLUMBIA, MO.

2009- 2013

- Multimedia Journalist: shot, wrote and edited my own stories.
- Helped create Social Media Desk for an hour-long newscast focused on viewer interaction
- Produced two-and-a-half-hour morning show, ten p.m. newscast and six p.m. newscast
- Anchored National & World News segments. Produced & anchored cut-ins to the TODAY show. Weekend co-anchor.

REPORTER

MISSOURI DIGITAL NEWS

June 2011 - August 2011

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

- Worked inside Missouri State Capitol, covered legislative session
- Stories aired on KMOX, the CBS affiliate in St. Louis and KBIA-FM, the NPR affiliate in Columbia, MO

LAW

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER

May 2019 - Present

LAW OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

- Represent clients in domestic cases
- Previously represented clients in felony preliminary hearings and misdemeanor traffic offenses

LAW CLERK

September 2016 - December 2016

LAW OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

- Law Clerk with Homicide Task Force
- Analyzed and reviewed records including grand jury transcripts, Chicago Police reports and interview videos
- Drafted and argued response in murder case