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EXPERIENCE

Reporter

Daily Journal

- March 2016 – present
 - Covering law firms and litigation in Orange County for the Los Angeles-based trade publication that covers the law in California.

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
 - Broke 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
 - Developed an extensive network of sources while using public records and interviews to report 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. Experienced speaking on television through partnership with KHQ-TV and appearances on "Nancy Grace" and "Snapped."
- December 2007 – April 2009
 - Covered breaking news and general assignments during the 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift. Trained as a mobile journalist capable of filing stories from the field and producing videos.
- May 2006 – December 2007
 - Covered the K-12 school districts in North Idaho. Produced daily and enterprise stories as well as breaking news stories for online.
- December 2005 – May 2006
 - Covered the 2006 Idaho Legislature under the tutelage of a veteran statehouse reporter. Wrote daily and enterprise stories on legislative issues and contributed to the award-winning Eye on Boise blog.

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.

Intern

The (Bend) Bulletin

- June – September 2005
 - Reporter at the Central 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

REFERENCES

Mark Evans
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