

#### JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Law360 September 2020 to Present

Graphics Editor – Produce longform and quick-turnaround interactive graphics for a major legal news service. Collaborate with reporters, editors and researchers to refine graphics ideas for stories and assist with data analysis and cleaning. Special focus on graphics for Law360 Pulse legal industry surveys. Work on website layout and photo/image management.

CNBC October 2019 to July 2020

Data Reporter, Grow – Reported data-driven stories for Grow, a personal finance blog. Areas of coverage included real estate, housing, family finance and budgeting, the financial impacts of Covid-19, retirement, investing and car buying.

Cannabis Wire June 2018 to Present

Freelance Developer – Build internal reporting tools and provide data-oriented stories for an online startup covering cannabis policy and economics in the U.S. and around the world. Tools allow editors to monitor cannabis-related legislation and government rules, as well as social media statements from public officials, in real time.

# Freelance Journalist, Photographer and Radio Producer

December 2009 to Present

Work has appeared in <u>The New York Times</u>, <u>Gothamist</u>, <u>Deadspin</u>, <u>City & State New York</u>, <u>Cannabis Wire</u>, WNYC's The Leonard Lopate Show, Edible, Serious Eats, DNAinfo, Village Voice and others.

City & State January 2018 to May 2018

Data Intern/Freelance Contributor – Reported on data-oriented political stories in city and state governments, focusing on public pension fund investment, congestion pricing, New York state's budget, lobbying, and water tank inspections. Scraped and analyzed government databases. Assisted staffers with data-related story elements.

## DATA AND WEB DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (MORE AT GITHUB.COM/FAKEBENJAY)

### NYC Evictions Creep Up As Housing Courts Get Busier: https://www.law360.com/articles/1513877

- Feature on the state of evictions in New York City as covid-era tenant protections expire. Evictions are slowly but steadily climbing now that the statewide eviction moratorium has lapsed, but Emergency Rental Assistance Program applicants still enjoy some protections.
- Worked with reporter to analyze executed eviction warrant data from NYC's Department of Investigation, develop a methodology for filtering evictions with multiple warrants, and visualize evictions and case stats over time and by ZIP code.

### 'Flooded': Jan. 6 Caseload Draws Nationwide Legal Effort: https://www.law360.com/articles/1449133

- Feature on the ongoing nationwide legal effort to prosecute and defend the January 6<sup>th</sup> capitol rioters, as part of Law360's "One Year Later, Fallout From Jan. 6 Riot Continues In Court" package.
- Worked with reporter to clean and analyze data on hundreds on 1/6 prosecutions, and link defendants to public defenders, prosecutors and federal judicial districts in two "flight map" visualizations.

**NYC Water Tank Inspection Results 2015-2017:** <a href="https://www.cityandstateny.com/policy/2018/05/lax-oversight-dubious-testing-in-water-tanks-pose-health-risks/178440/">https://www.cityandstateny.com/policy/2018/05/lax-oversight-dubious-testing-in-water-tanks-pose-health-risks/178440/</a>

- First ever centralized directory of NYC's rooftop water tanks, which provide much of the city's water.
- Visualized tank inspection data from a FOIL request and building data from the city's PLUTO land use database.

#### **EDUCATION**

CUNY Graduate School of Journalism (New York, NY)

M.A. Journalism, December 2018

SUNY Geneseo (Geneseo, NY)

B.A. International Relations, May 2012

Flatiron School (New York, NY)

Full Stack Web Development Immersive Program, February to April 2017

# SKILLS

**Coding**: JavaScript, D3, React/Redux, Python, Django, Jupyter Notebooks, Pandas, Scraping (Nokogiri, BeautifulSoup), Mapbox API, Ruby, Rails, SQL, R, HTML, CSS, Git, Lodash, jQuery

**Software**: Excel, Datawrapper, Mapshaper, Photoshop, InDesign, Lightroom, Premiere, After Effects, Illustrator, Final Cut Pro, Pro Tools, Hindenburg, DAVID Systems

Additional: Photography, Writing, Research, Audio production and editing, Video production and editing

#### **HONORS**

2022 Azbee Awards of Excellence: Regional Silver Award (Northeast) for Law360's Infographics