

# JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Law360 September 2020 to Present

Senior 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 site layout and 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, <u>housing</u>, family finance and budgeting, the financial impacts of Covid-19, retirement, investing and car buying.

Cannabis Wire June 2018 to February 2019

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, <u>Edible</u>, <u>Serious Eats</u>, <u>DNAinfo</u>, <u>Village Voice</u> and <u>others</u>.

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, <u>lobbying</u>, and <u>water tank inspections</u>. 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 evictions in New York City as Covid-era tenant protections expired. Evictions slowly but steadily rose after the statewide eviction moratorium 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 6th 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.

#### Wall Street's Single-Family Home Grab, Phoenix: https://www.law360.com/real-estate-authority/articles/1531385

- Visualized all corporate-owned single-family rentals in Phoenix based on deep analysis of public real estate records.
- Led to two follow-up packages with interactive graphics, covering corporate SFR evictions and adjudications in Phoenix.

### **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

2023 Eddie and Ozzie Awards: Series of Articles > B2B > Overall for Wall Street's Single-Family Home Grab, Phoenix 2022 Azbee Awards of Excellence: Regional Silver Award (Northeast) for Law360's Infographics

Numerous internal awards within Law360 and LexisNexis