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☆ **The Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com:** October 1999 - present
As a politics writer and columnist, I am known for scoring exclusive stories, working swiftly to break news, collaborating effectively with colleagues, and explaining complex issues with authoritative, accessible analysis.

I have covered President Trump since his unsuccessful 2005 bid for a casino license in Philadelphia. I detailed Trump's 2016 debunked predictions of a "rigged" election in Pennsylvania, his tricky relationship with fellow Republicans like U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey, his controversial outreach to black voters in Philadelphia amid claims of bigotry and his expected impact on the 2018 midterm elections for governor and the U.S. Congress. I traveled through Iowa with former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum in the early days of his 2012 presidential bid. I also closely followed the career of the late U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, from Republican rogue to Democratic crossover trying unsuccessfully to save his seat in 2010. I have pursued details about independent expenditure efforts in federal and local campaigns, including a game-changing \$1.7 million investment by George Soros in the 2017 race for Philadelphia District Attorney.

And I have scooped the competition with exclusive details about active federal investigations of elected officials, including the cases that sent to prison former U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah and former Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams.

☆ **The Lakeland Ledger, Lakeland, Florida:** February 1997 - October 1999
I covered Polk County's government, including budgeting, tax issues and a politically fractious relationship between the County Commission and elected row offices.

☆ **The Fort Pierce Tribune, Fort Pierce, Florida:** December 1993 - February 1997
I served as bureau chief in Port St. Lucie, supervising three reporters while covering criminal investigations, death penalty trials and police corruption cases.

☆ **The Pottsville Republican, Pottsville, Pennsylvania:** March 1992 - December 1993
I created a beat to cover 45 municipal police departments, a county jail, two state prisons and a federal penitentiary.

☆ **Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:**
Temple University, 2000, B.A., Communications
The University of Pennsylvania, post-graduate course work for a Master of Liberal Arts