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**EXPERIENCE**

**President, Professional News Services, LLC** Various locations, *Feb. 2011-Present*

- Started my own freelance reporting business specializing in legal and business news
- Contracted freelancer for the New York Times
- Named a 2016 Fulbright Berlin Capital Program fellow

**Reporter, The Post and Courier**, Charleston, S.C. *June 2006-July 2007*

*Daily newspaper, circulation 105,000, Winner of the Pulitzer Prize*

- Covered local events, ongoing issues, and breaking news
- Worked with multimedia to create graphics, slideshows and videos related to stories
- Responsible for finding stories, cultivating sources and researching material

**Intern, fact checker, USA Weekend**, McLean, Va. *Jan. 2005- June 2005*

*Weekend magazine, circulation 22.7 million*

- Researched articles, checked facts for publication, wrote sidebars and conducted interviews

**Intern, Congressman Rob Simmons' office (2<sup>nd</sup>- CT)** Washington, D.C. *Spring 2004*

- Researched legislative issues and answered constituent concerns via mail, gave tours

**EDUCATION**

**CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW**, San Diego, Calif.

*Juris Doctor, December 2009*

- Top 29%, based on class standing of 64/219
- F. Philip Manns, Jr. Tax award, Academic Achievement Award: Evidence

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**, Washington, D.C.

*Bachelor of Arts, Print Journalism, minor in Environmental Science, May 2006; GPA 3.72/4.0*

- Association for Women in Communications D.C. Chapter 2005 Student Scholarship award
- AU Honors Program, Dean's Scholarship, Buck Hill Art Association Jenkins Scholarship
- Captain, American University women's ice hockey team, *September 2004 - May 2006*
- Treasurer, Society of Professional Journalists, *Spring 2004 - Fall 2005*

**LANGUAGE/INTERESTS**

- Conversational Spanish, chess, ice hockey player