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## CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- Journalist and Attorney specializing in economic policy, global development and travel
- Regular contributor to The Street offering reporting and commentary on the subject of policy and economics; frequent Editor's Pick with an audience of more than 12 million across platforms
- Datelines that have included Sao Paulo, Brazil; Athens, Greece; Bangkok, Thailand; and San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Expert on political economics who has guest lectured at Boston College and the University of Michigan
- Profiled for excellence in reporting and travel writing by the Huffington Post
- Specialist in human rights issues, including aid work in Siem Reap, Cambodia and representation of human trafficking victims through Dechert, LLP and the University of Michigan

## EDUCATION

**The University of Michigan Law School – Ann Arbor, MI – J.D.** **2009**

- General Litigation Clinic Advocate; Unemployment Clinic Trainer; Moot Court Best Advocate

**The University of Michigan College of LS&A – Ann Arbor, MI – B.A. History** **2004**

- Michigan Daily, Editorial Board; Union College Concordiensis, Technology Editor

## EXPERIENCE

**FREELANCE JOURNALIST – Boston, MA** **2012 – Current**

*News and Analytical Reporter. Focus on economic policy, law and politics, and issues in global development. Coverage has included tax and labor debates, health care reform, electoral politics, global poverty, student debt, high profile litigation, technology and travel, among other subjects.*

*Regular contributor to The Street and MSN whose work has also appeared in outlets including the Boston Globe, Consumer Reports, CNBC, Ritz Carlton Journey, AOL News, SmartAsset, Yahoo news, Mashable, The University of Michigan Alumni Magazine, The Ann Magazine, Make Change, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Bitcoin Market Journal and the New Britain Herald.*

### **Notable Coverage On Policy and Economics:**

- Extensive coverage of the 2020 coronavirus and the economic impact of the quarantine for articles including *What Would Fight a Recession?* and *The Pandemic's Effect on Small Business*
- Political coverage of the 2016 election for articles including *Trump's Tax Plan: A Tiny Bit of Growth With a Crippling Price Tag* and *Bernie Sanders Is Probably Wrong On The Minimum Wage*
- Reported from San Juan in 2018 on the efforts to rebuild Puerto Rico for article *Is Puerto Rico Ready For Tourists?*
- Analysis of fiscal choices and humanitarian issues for *How Economic Austerity Led Flint, Michigan Astray*
- Labor market reporting and analysis for the Glassdoor article *Why Is Hiring So Hard For Employers Right Now*
- Coverage of international trade, including *Who Will Win and Who Will Lose From Trump Rescinding the TPP?*

### **Notable Coverage On Travel and Global Issues:**

- Covered efforts to reduce Brazil's unbanked sector in Sao Paulo for *Financial Literacy Series Dispatches*
- Reported from Phnom Penh, Cambodia on global access to clean water supplies for *The Next Crisis: Drinking Water*
- Travel reporting on tourism during the Greek financial crisis for *Greek Travel Guide for Grexit*
- Worked with global security analysts to report on terror and travel for articles including *Is It Safe to Travel to Paris?* and *Your License Is Invalid For Travel: Why That's Scary*
- Interviewed sex workers and trafficking victims in Siem Reap, Cambodia for blog article *Selling Sex in Siem Reap*

### **Other Notable Skills and Accomplishments:**

- Guest lecturer to discuss political economics and law for classes at Boston College and the University of Michigan

- Frequent guest on radio programs for channels including Sirius XM, San Francisco's WKGO, Pasadena's KPCC and Colorado's WKOA
- Profiled for excellence in travel writing by AOL and the Huffington Post
- Skilled interviewer who has worked with sources including politicians, corporate executives, human trafficking victims and aid workers. Trained at both empathetic active listening and cross-examination of hostile sources
- Experienced global journalist who has reported from locations in southeast Asia, central Asia, South America and Europe. Able to adapt in new and unfamiliar environments and build the infrastructure necessary for telling a story, including developing relationships, sources, fixers and translators as necessary.

**PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS– Boston, MA**

**2015 – Current**

*Corporate Communications Consultant: Writing for corporate newsrooms, professional editing, ghostwriting and media training. Clients have included Glassdoor.com, Blonde 2.0, Bospar PR, BrandShield and MediaShower. Notable work includes:*

- Original thought leadership and advocacy articles on behalf of public relations firms and their clients
- Editorial oversight for corporate blogs; Technical writing and editing for corporate whitepapers
- Original article development and writing for corporate publications, including company websites and client communications
- Advised the Farmington, CT School System on media and crisis management techniques during several high-profile incidents in the 2015 school year

**DECHERT, LLP - Philadelphia, PA**

**2009 – 2012**

*Associate Attorney: White Collar and Securities Litigation*

- Motion practice and advocacy specialist with a complex litigation practice focused on financial and criminal defense.
- Chief duties included:
  - Drafting and research for pleadings, memoranda of law, discovery requests and discovery responses
  - Oversight of document review teams, including both attorneys and summer associates
  - Taking and defending depositions
  - Pro-bono representation of clients in landlord tenant court and the firm's prisoner litigation program
  - Pro-bono representation of human trafficking victims
  - Research and drafting for internal strategy memos
- As part of the litigation team representing a victim of human trafficking against a Kuwaiti diplomat in *Swarna v. Al-Awadi*, drafted motions, structured taxes and conducted a global search to locate and freeze the defendant's assets
- Other representative matters included shareholder litigation defense related to the Tribune Co. bankruptcy, criminal defense involving the Madoff Fund and representation of pharmaceutical and energy firms
- Authored a section of the United Nations report *Violence Against Women in the United States Military*

**THE NEW BRITAIN HERALD - New Britain, CT**

**2005 – 2007**

*Staff Writer, Freelance Contributor*

- Drafted multi-part investigative series on the 2005 Federal bankruptcy law reform and medical malpractice tort law
- Invited and flown to national bases by the U.S. Army to report on active troop deployments

**DANAHER, LAGNESE & SACCO - Hartford, CT**

**2006 – 2007**

*Student Associate*

- Researched and drafted pleadings, motions and memoranda for a trial-focused litigation practice
- Contributed research and editorial work on Connecticut Medical Malpractice Law (2007) by Joyce Lagnese et al

**THE LIFE AND HOPE ASSOCIATION - Siem Reap, Cambodia**

**2009**

*Assistant Program Director*

- Rebuilt the communication and leadership structure of a Cambodian education NGO with projects distributed throughout northeast Cambodia
- Trained local managers to deal with the legal concerns brought on by regional corruption and developmental status
- Rewrote the budget for one orphanage project to save it from bankruptcy after a major donor withdrew funding
- Negotiated contracts to introduce products made by the NGO's trade schools into local hotels and restaurants

## ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Cited in the Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings** of Justice Samuel J. Alito

**Media and editorial advisor** for outlets including Best Places in the World to Retire and SiemReap.org

**Referred to U.S. State Department** for report “Cambodia: Status of Human Trafficking in 2010”

**Awarded “Best Oralist”** in the University of Connecticut School of Law Loiselle Moot Court Competition

**Author:** “The University of Connecticut School of Law Unemployment Action Center Advocate Training Manual”

**Nominee for 2005 Excellence in Journalism Award** by the Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

Cooking and Southeast Asian cuisine; Computer and App programming in C, C++, Java and Swift; Travel photography; and Theatrical stage design