

# Jason Knowles

Consumer Investigative Reporter at ABC 7 Eyewitness News Chicago

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## Summary

I am a Consumer Investigative Reporter at ABC 7 Eyewitness News in Chicago. Prior to this position, I was a morning reporter covering breaking and developing stories in the field, everyday. I have almost 20 years of experience in television news. From knocking on doors and hitting the streets as a general assignment reporter to chasing down scam artists and crooked politicians as an Investigative Reporter in Toledo, Ohio. I have a wealth of experience in news gathering and presenting complicated controversial information on live TV. Before becoming a reporter at WLS ABC 7, I was a Special Segments Producer at WLS ABC 7. I researched, developed, wrote, and produced in-depth, promoted specials for Chicago's #1 Anchor team. My stories ranged from Consumer issues, investigative to the latest trends in technology and how they effect our ever changing fast pace lives. Specialties: Writing, Interviewing, Live TV

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## Experience

### **Consumer Investigative Reporter at WLS ABC 7 Eyewitness News Chicago**

January 2014 - Present (1 year 6 months)

### **General Assignment Reporter at WLS ABC 7 Chicago**

February 2009 - January 2014 (5 years)

I am live about 5 times a day in the morning and mid day show. Usually covering breaking stories, developing stories, crime, court hearings and politics.

*1 recommendation available upon request*

### **Special Projects Producer at WLS ABC 7 Chicago**

June 2004 - February 2009 (4 years 9 months)

Researched and enterprised investigative stories

### **Investigative Reporter at WTVG 13 ABC**

1997 - 2004 (7 years)

I would enterprise consumer and investigative stories to lead the 6pm and 11 pm news casts. I researched and developed pieces that would require companies and government to take action for consumers and constituents.

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### **Reporter/Anchor at WKAG**

1996 - 1997 (1 year)

Live breaking news, weekend anchor

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## Skills & Expertise

**Reporting**

**Live TV**

**Storytelling**

**Live Broadcast**

**Editing**

**Interviews**

**Producing**

**News Writing**

**Avid**

**Television**

**Non-linear Editing**

**Broadcast Journalism**

**Radio**

**ENPS**

**Newspaper**

**Journalism**

**Broadcast**

**Breaking News**

**Ap Style**

**Field Producing**

**Investigative Reporting**

**Politics**

**Broadcast Television**

**Online Journalism**

**Television News**

**Avid Newscutter**

**Newspapers**

**AP Style**

**Radio Broadcasting**

**New Media**

**Camera**

**Video Editing**

**Field Production**

**Videography**

**Video**

**Copy Editing**

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## Education

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## Honors and Awards

Ohio A.P. Award - 1999 Best Reporter Ohio A.P. Award - 2000 Best Reporter Ohio A.P. Award - 2000 Investigative Series Ohio A.P. Award - 2000 Continuing Coverage Crystal Award of Excellence - 2000 Best Single News Story Ohio A.P. Award - 2001 Best Investigative Ohio A.P. Award - 2002 Best Investigative Ohio A.P. Award - 2004 Best Investigative Chicago Emmy Nominations- 2005 Best Medical, 2006 Best Single News Feature, 2007 Best Education 2008 NABJ Award - Best International Story, Oprah Winfrey's new girls' school in South Africa 2009 Emmy Award- Best Soft News, Inauguration of Barack Obama coverage

## Interests

TV NEWS, Entertainment News, Travel

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## Organizations

**Investigative Reporters and Editors**

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## 2 people have recommended Jason

"I've known Jason for over a decade - not only is he a true professional, he's one of the kindest, most sincere people I've ever met. Jason brings compassion and care to the stories he covers. His skillful writing and animated on-camera presence makes Jason likeable, respectable and interesting to watch. Jason receives my highest recommendation both professionally and personally. He is a rising star!"

— **Susanna Martinez Tarokh**, *Director of Media Relations, USF Health*, worked directly with Jason at WLS ABC 7 Chicago

"Jason is a very talented media mogul. He taught me everything I know today. Reporting, editing, shooting, etc...he is a reputable role model. I am glad to have had the chance to know him and learn from him."

— **Sara Stearns**, *Student, Bowling Green State University*, worked directly with Jason at Bowling Green State University

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