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### **Related Professional Experience**

- Legacy Talent Group, 6/2022-Present  
Owner, Talent Agent (Florida license TA1181). Represent actors, models, voiceover artists and other talent throughout the Southeast for commercial, print, voice over, film and television projects.
- Tandem Media 10/18-12/2021  
Assistant director, producer, worked from pre-production through distribution and marketing phase on productions from 30-second commercials to feature-length narrative and documentary films.
- Jacksonville Documentary Film Festival, 2017  
Served as volunteer film screener, helping to finalize lineup from more than 600 entries.
- Jax Life Radio 8/16-12/16  
Produced and co-hosted weekly radio show covering Northeast Florida history and heritage, and airing on WOKV, 104.5 FM, 690 AM.
- EnFocus Media, 2007-2008  
Produced and wrote video projects including commercials, corporate/promotional videos, documentary projects and TV series scripts.
- *Courthouse News*, 2004-2007  
Reported on civil court cases in Federal, Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Nassau, Marion and Lake County courts.
- *Jacksonville Magazine*, 2003-2004  
As staff writer, wrote features articles, advertorials and some advertising copy for *Jacksonville Magazine* and its sister publication, *Jacksonville Design*.
- *The Business Journal*, 2000-2004  
Joined as Marketing Reporter and advanced to Senior Reporter in 16 months. Developed award-winning "Risk Takers" feature. Provided weekly reports and sports business features to *Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal*. Won five Florida Press Association awards.
- Renda Broadcasting - WEJZ / WWRR, 1997-2000  
As Promotions/Sales Assistant, redesigned all marketing and sales materials, leading to increased airtime sales. Assisted talent during live promotional appearances.
- Gannett Broadcasting WTLV-12, 1996-1997  
Produced and wrote 5:30 a.m. news show, co-produced and co-wrote 6 a.m. news show.
- Post Newsweek WJXT-4, 1995-1997  
As News Production Assistant, co-wrote 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. shows, rolled prompter, gathered news feeds and delivered scripts.
- Jacksonville Jaguars, Broadcasting Department, 1994-1996  
As production assistant, wrote scripts for magazine shows, logged interviews and footage and maintained video library.

## **Freelance Experience**

- Served as freelance correspondent for *People* magazine specializing in crime, human interest, heroes and medical coverage.
- Consulted with author Barbara Tapa Lupack on *Richard E. Norman and Race Filmmaking*, the first biography on the late Jacksonville silent filmmaker, Indiana University Press, 2014.
- Consulted on production of documentary short on Richard Norman, Jerry Smith Films / University of North Florida's Banner Center for Creative Industries, Jacksonville, 2011.
- Consulted on production of *Hollywood East: Florida's Silent Film Legacy*, documentary chronicling Jacksonville's film history, Cape & Tiara Productions, Jacksonville 2010.
- Consulted with author Shawn Bean on *The First Hollywood: Florida and the Golden Age of Silent Filmmaking*, University Press of Florida, 2008.
- Co-produced and co-wrote 6-part television documentary series, *Crisis in our Community*, for Bryan Hickox Pictures of Jacksonville, 2000.
- Wrote, produced various industrial videos for CSX Transportation, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Sight & Sound Video, Jacksonville, Fla.

## **Education**

- University of North Florida  
Bachelor of Arts, 1997 - Communications major, Spanish minor. Participated in Osprey Network, UNF's campus television operation, as Show Producer, Series Producer and News & Entertainment Reporter.

## **Boards and Professional Memberships**

- Member, Film Florida, Serve on Marketing & Communications Committee and Industry & Association Council
- Chair, Women in Film and Television-Florida, Jacksonville Chapter
- Past Member, Jacksonville Mayor's Advisory Commission on Television, Motion Picture & Commercial Production
- Founding / Former Advisory Board Member, Northeast Florida Press Club
- Co-Founder, Past President, Media Director, Norman Studios Silent Film Museum, Inc.
- Former Board of Directors member, Florida Motion Picture and Television Association, Northeast Florida Chapter