

Marilyn Odendahl

Experience

The Indiana Citizen

Reporter

February 2023 – present

Covering news events and writing enterprise stories for The Indiana Citizen, a news and civic engagement nonprofit based in Indianapolis.

Indiana Lawyer, Indianapolis, IN

Reporter, July 2012 – August 2015

Senior Reporter, August 2015 – January 2023

Wrote stories about lawyers and the legal profession in Indiana. Have written about legal education, legal aid, and the business of running a law firm along with covering the state and federal courts and the Indiana Legislature

The Elkhart Truth, Elkhart, IN

Business Reporter, August 2004 – July 2012

Wrote stories covering a variety of business topics for print and web editions; assist news editor and managing editor in developing special sections and reporting projects

Business First, Louisville, KY

Correspondent, June 2002 – August 2004

Wrote magazine-length, issue-based business stories on such topics as health care, insurance and banking

Montage Publishing, Louisville, KY

Vice President Book Division, August 1999-November 2001

Worked in book publishing division where duties included marketing, copyediting, indexing and fact-checking nonfiction books

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Freelance writer for University Communications, July 1990 - August 1999

Wrote articles profiling U of L graduates, academic programs and research projects

Associated Press, Kentucky Bureau, Louisville, KY

Stringer, December 1989 – August 2004

Covered events and wrote stories on deadline for transmission over the wire; primarily covered election-night vote totals for Jefferson County, KY

The Madison Courier, Madison, IN

Staff Writer and People Page Editor, May 1988 – August 1989

Wrote news, sports and features stories and took photographs for six-day daily

Other experience

Program note writer

Wrote program notes for the concerts by the University of Louisville Orchestra and the Jewish Community Center Orchestra

Encyclopedia of Indianapolis
2019-2020

Wrote entries about mergers of law firms in Indianapolis and the late Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford

Honors and Awards

Joan M. Friedenbergl Online Journalism Award

July 2009

Recognized along with Elkhart Truth colleagues Tim Vandenack and Josh Weinhold and the outstanding reporting team from MSNBC for “The Elkhart Project”

Kappa Tau Alpha

National Journalism Scholarship Society

Education

Specialized Reporting Institute

Scholarship recipient 2011

Two-day seminar in Chicago examining how the Great Recession was impacting communities and families across the United States. Organized by the McCormick Foundation and the former Suburban Newspapers of America

Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism

Participated in several workshops where I learned how to read SEC reports, write business stories and do data reporting

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Master of Music in Musicology, 2002

Thesis topic: The four keyboard concertos of eighteenth century Florentine composer Alessandro Felici (1742-1772)

Ball State University, Muncie, IN

Bachelor of Science in Journalism and minor in music, 1988