

CHEYNA ROTH

JOURNALIST / STORYTELLER

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I'm an energetic, curious person by nature, with extensive reporting experience, and a sharp eye for stories. My passion, spirit and work ethic are second to none and as an attorney and former prosecutor, I bring a unique perspective to every story. I am passionate about uncovering all sides of an issue and finding innovative, unique ways to tell stories.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

MICHIGAN PUBLIC RADIO | CAPITOL REPORTER

July 2016 - Present

I file daily for the newscasts of every NPR station in Michigan. I cover state politics, education, criminal justice and appellate courts, state policy, and other stories of state-wide interest in the Lansing area. I file stories of national interest for NPR's newscast, I also file features and do enterprise reporting.

BUSTLE | CAMPAIGN REPORTER

April 2016 - July 2016

Curated, pitched, and wrote 3-4 pieces per day on issues arising from the 2016 campaign. I also filed breaking news pieces as needed.

REUTERS | STRINGER REPORTER - FREELANCE

May 2016 - July 2016

Reuter's Lansing and Michigan based stringer reporter, I cover Michigan events and news as needed. I covered the preliminary examination of Jason Dalton, the Michigan Uber driver accused of multiple counts of murder.

THE FOOD FIX | HOST / ASSIST PRODUCER

April 2015 - January 2016

An environmental journalism project, The Food Fix is a weekly podcast highlighting innovators trying to better feed the world. I came up with story ideas, contacted sources for pre-interviews, interviewed sources for air, and edited episodes.

MICHIGAN RADIO | INTERN

May 2015 - Aug 2015

I was a Morning Edition and Stateside intern, as well as fill in spot reporter for the newsroom. I engineered and edited multiple segments for Morning Edition. For Stateside I generated story ideas, contacted and pre-interviewed potential guests, wrote questions and leads for interviews, and edited segments for air.

IONIA COUNTY | ASSIST. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

April 2015 - January 2016

I handled all felony prison cases and half of the misdemeanour docket from charging decisions through plea or trial. I met with victims and witnesses to prepare for trial and hearings. I was also responsible for filing briefs and responding to all felony appellate claims.

EDUCATION

Master's - Summa Cum Laude

Journalism

2015 - 2016

Michigan State University

J.D. - Magna Cum Laude

2010 - 2013

Michigan State University

College of Law

B.A. - Summa Cum Laude

English/Writing

2006 - 2010

AWARDS

Kappa Tau Alpha

Top Scholar Award

Outstanding Graduate Student

May 2016

Society of Professional
Journalists

Mark of Excellence, Exhumed

Broadcast Education
Association

2nd Place Small Team, Exhumed