Elizabeth Tharakan, Esq.

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HEADLINE:

Experienced attorney and journalist seeks reporting or editing role to cover business or legal issues.

SKILLS:

AP Style, fact-checking, interviewing sources, WordPress blogging, DSLR photography, Adobe Premiere Pro video editing.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE:

Gateway Journalism Review
Carbondale, IL
Graduate Assistant
August 2021-May 2023
Wrote short form and long form stories about Midwest journalism, media law, and police misconduct.

University of Denver Denver, CO

Adjunct Professor Jan. 2019-June 2021

Taught Media Law to undergraduates in the Department of Media, Film, and Journalism studies.

The Docket Denver, CO

Chair, April 2019-March 2020. Staffer, November 2018-Nov. 2021. November 2018-Nov. 2021

Pitched stories and administrative ideas at monthly staff meetings. Served as MC for Arts & Literature Contest awards. Published "The Committee and the Cowboy," "Santa's Perfect Present," "Advocatus Diaboli," "Barristers as Backpackers," "The Classrooms of Canada," "Memoirs of an Adjunct" and "Cooking with Counsel" articles about the human interest aspect of lawyering in Denver Bar Association magazine.

American Public MediaWashington, DCMarketplace InternJan.-April 2016

Researched business stories on the paradox of plenty, on why politicians must approve of their public service announcements and on competitive 2016 Senate races. Interviewed D.C. residents for *Man on the Street* segment on rising rental costs. Pitched stories daily. Performed "tape synch" with Marantz.

Vox MagazineColumbia, MOReporter, News and InsightAug. 2014-Dec. 2015

Reported for News and Insight beat for city of Columbia's audience on <u>triathlon</u>, <u>on local java joints</u>, on <u>Startup Weekend 2015</u>, on <u>thought leaders such as Jane Goodall</u>, on <u>the movie "What If,"</u> and on <u>how to achieve zen during finals</u>. Won Society of Professional Journalists' Midwest Region Best Feature for multimedia narrative of travel.

EDUCATION:

University of California Berkeley

LLM expected, dual certificate in Law and Business and Law and Technology.

Berkeley, CA

July 2023

University of Missouri School of JournalismColumbia, MOMaster of Arts in Journalism, cum laude.August 2016

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

New York, NY

Juris Doctor.

June 2012

Bar Admissions: NY, DC, MO, CO.

Wellesley College Wellesley, MA
Bachelor of Arts in Economics. June 2006

INTERESTS:

5k runs, church activities, pop culture trivia, travel, photography.