

IRIKA SARGENT



Irika Sargent is co-anchor of the CBS 2 Chicago (WBBM-TV) evening news at 5, 6 and 10 p.m. with Rob Johnson. Sargent, an Emmy Award winning journalist, joined CBS 2 Chicago in 2015 after having worked at WFOR-TV in Miami, where she co-anchored the station's weekday early evening and late newscasts.

Irika has covered numerous national stories.

In 2016, she covered the Democratic National Convention where the first woman, Former Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, earned the Democratic Party presidential nomination. Earlier that year, she served as emcee for the 30th Annual International Women's Forum which convened women from more than 50 countries who are the world's leading architects, advocates, catalysts, and pioneers of change.

Irika has spearheaded coverage for national health crisis and pro social issues including reports on Diabetes (American Diabetes Association), Domestic and Sexual Assault ('Chicago Says No More') and Literacy (Literature for All of us). For three consecutive years, Irika has emceed the Alzheimer's Association's (Illinois Chapter) Reason to Hope Luncheon and in 2017 alone, Sargent was an integral voice in helping raise over four million dollars for the American Red Cross of Greater Illinois' disaster relief efforts.

From Grammy red carpets to co-hosting CBS's Daytime Emmy Award winning talk show THE TALK, Irika's wide range of storytelling continues to distinguish her while engaging audiences across regional bounds.

Prior to anchoring in Miami, Sargent worked as an anchor and reporter with KPRC-TV, the NBC affiliate in Houston. She has also worked at television stations in Mobile, Alabama and Columbia, Missouri.

Sargent graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She then earned a Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School.

Sargent practiced law in New York City at the Greenberg Traurig LLP law firm, where she represented clients in New York federal and state courts, as well as before the New York Division of Human Rights and National Labor Relations Board. Additionally, Sargent set aside time to provide free legal services to non-profit groups and underserved communities.

Throughout her career, Sargent has supported several non-profit organizations, including the United Way, Habitat for Humanity, Susan G. Komen breast cancer organization and the American Cancer Society. Sargent is a member of the New York Bar and enjoys living in the city of Chicago.