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CAREER OBJECTIVE:

-To acquire a position as a contributing writer or editor for a newspaper, magazine, or PR firm.

EXPERIENCE

Journalism

The Suffolk-News Herald-

- wrote articles based on the editors request
- collaborated to introduce new story ideas
- published several times in both print and online editions of the paper.

Virginia Press Association

- intern, worked directly under the web consultant
- was responsible for maintaining the organizations website, HeadlineVa.com
- helped create the VideoChannel feature of the site, which required reviewing member websites regularly and embedding tags to display and stream those videos. This increased online readership and ad inventory for the newspapers.
- organized daily RSS feed for homepage and sports pages
- produced original content by writing several regional profiles of areas in Virginia
- promoted the organization through internship fairs at VCU

VCU's Capital News Service

- Served as a student reporter,
- covered the 2012 General Assembly session; interviewed many state delegates and senators
- produced mini-projects with several types of multimedia
- actively engaged in updating the class' social media websites including Twitter, Delicious, and Richmond Sunlight
- how to assemble a professional portfolio
- learned how to file FOIA requests

AltDaily.com

- had several articles published for this website

Patch.com

- several articles I wrote for other publications were published for the Manassas, Centerville, Fredericksburg and Tidewater areas

The Gainesville-Times

- worked with the editor to execute story ideas, was published in print and online editions of the paper

National Science Writers Association

- student member in 2010

Society for Professional Journalists

- student member in 2009

Various VCU courses

- Upper level courses including copy-editing, broadcast classes, audio/video editing classes, journalism law and ethics courses, beat-reporting courses, investigative journalism courses.

Non-Journalism

Premier Aquatics

VCU's Cary St. Gym

SKILLS

Proficient in:

- AP style, APA and MLA formats
- Social media- Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, Delicious, Richmond Sunlight
- Updating various RSS feeds
- Adobe Audition, Adobe InDesign, SoundSlides Plus, Photoshop
- Experience with SONY Beta Cameras and Nikon cameras
- All Microsoft Office Programs
- Writing for broadcast, print, and online stories

EDUCATION

Virginia Commonwealth University graduate 2012

Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications with a concentration in Print Journalism

Osborn High School graduate 2008

Advanced studies diploma

Northern Virginia Community College

Took dual enrollment and other various courses between 2007-2010

EXAMPLES OF MEDIA CLIPS



Drink, Pray, Love: More Virginia ABC Stores Could Be Open on Sundays

Words [Alexandra Morton](#)

Tuesday, February 28th, 2012 at 7:49 am

RICHMOND – The General Assembly has passed a bill expanding the number of ABC stores that can open on Sundays.

Currently, state-owned liquor stores can operate on Sundays only in urban areas, such as cities with more than 100,000 residents. House Bill 896, sponsored by Delegate David Albo, R-Springfield, would allow the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to open any of its stores after 1 p.m. on Sundays.

“This would allow us to look at all ABC stores in Virginia, determine which ones are the most profitable, and open those stores up,” Albo said.



The Senate passed HB 896 Thursday on a 25-15 vote. The House had previously approved the measure, 69-29. The bill now goes to Gov. Bob McDonnell for his consideration.

ABC currently operates 131 retail stores on Sunday, according to an analysis of the bill by the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget.

“This legislation impacts 195 retail stores that could potentially be opened on Sunday,” the analysis said.

It noted that ABC began Sunday operations at some stores in 2004. Last year, Sunday sales at ABC stores totaled \$21 million.

In the 2011 annual report of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, ABC Board Chairman J. Neal Insley said that



ABOUT THE WRIT

Alexandra Morton

My name is Alex Morton. I am a senior at Virginia Commonwealth University. I am a print journalism major, and a reporter for VCU's Capital News Service program in Virginia, and graduated from... Other posts by [Alexandra Morton](#)

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Businesses may be paid for 'lost profits'

Local

By Alex Morton

Source: Gainesville Times

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RICHMOND – Several state legislators are sponsoring proposals to require governments to compensate property owners when public works crews block roads or sidewalks and prevent customers from reaching businesses.

In the House, Delegates Johnny Joannou, D-Portsmouth, and Anne Crockett-Stark, R-Wytheville, are leading efforts to revamp the rules involving eminent domain, government's ability to take private property

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"My question is, how many years of lost profits are we talking? One year? Ten years? They're going to lose a lot more than fair market value during that time," Crockett-Stark said.

But can courts measure exactly how much money was lost during these times? Crockett-Stark says that is the focal point of her legislation: to define the terms "lost access and lost profits," so that the courts have a consistent way to determine the amount owed to property owners.

Three measures before the General Assembly seek to address this issue:

- ? House Bill 597, sponsored by Crockett-Stark.
- ? HB 1035, sponsored by Joannou and co-sponsored by five Republican delegates: Crockett-Stark; Mark Cole of Fredericksburg; John O'Bannon of Henrico; Lee Ware of Powhatan; and Thomas Wright of Victoria.
- ? Senate Bill 437, sponsored by Republican Sens. Mark Obenshain of Harrisonburg and Stephen Newman of Forest.

All three bills require governments to give commercial property owners "just compensation" for "lost profits and lost access" resulting from eminent domain. The bills would take effect Jan. 1, 2013, if voters approve a constitutional amendment in November.

Bret Schoolcraft, whose family owns the Halligan Bar & Grill in Richmond, said his business probably would support such proposals. In the city, he said, the only place to park is on the street - so blocking off roads or sidewalks would hurt business a lot.

"If the work was only temporary, that would be one thing. But if the roads were blocked for an extended period of time, it would probably affect us. It would be nice to be compensated if something like that were to happen," Schoolcraft said.

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