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**ABC7/WABC-TV NEW YORK NAMES JOHN ANTONIO
VICE PRESIDENT OF NEWS**



ABC7/WABC-TV*

John Antonio has been named vice president of news for ABC7/WABC-TV New York, effective April 29, 2025, announced Marilu Galvez, president and general manager, WABC-TV, to whom he will report. In his new role, Antonio will oversee the Eyewitness News team at ABC7, which is the leading source for local news in New York and the most-watched station in the country.

"John Antonio is an accomplished news executive with a solid track record of successfully leading and modernizing news teams across various platforms," said Galvez. "Having worked with John in the past, we are excited to welcome him back to the Eyewitness News team. I am confident that he will use his expertise and vision to further enhance the station's success, providing the highest quality local news."

"I am thrilled to rejoin my WABC family and grateful for the opportunity to lead the talented 'Eyewitness News' team in creating exceptional content that sets the standard in our industry," said Antonio. "It's a privilege to return to my roots and work once again with this amazing team, renowned for its excellent news coverage, delivering important stories and vital information that impacts millions of viewers."

Recently, Antonio served as the senior vice president of Programming for CNN/U.S. as the network's primary programming executive in Atlanta. In this role, he directed approximately 55 hours of live television each week from the network's headquarters, collaborating closely with CNN International,

CNN en Español and CNN Digital. Antonio was a key leader of CNN's coverage of significant events, including the Jan. 6 insurrection, the COVID-19 pandemic, the mass shootings at Stoneman Douglas High School and the Pulse nightclub, the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral, as well as multiple hurricanes and wildfires. He played a key role in CNN's award-winning coverage of the Arab Spring, managed hours of special programming on the Ukraine-Russia war, and orchestrated extensive live coverage of the Derek Chauvin trial following the killing of George Floyd. Additionally, he helped oversee coverage of numerous presidential and midterm elections.

Before joining CNN, Antonio was managing editor at WABC-TV New York and also served as the executive producer for Eyewitness News at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. In his role, he directed a team of over 30 producers and writers to develop the newscast, leading creative strategy meetings with the assignment editor and anchors to identify the most relevant stories and plan the order of presentation. Antonio was responsible for approving anchor presentation scripts and conducting thorough fact-checking, as well as style and continuity inspections. He also oversaw voice-overs, anchor lead-ins and segment teasers. During his time at WABC-TV, he directed significant coverage, including the 2004 Democratic National Convention, the 2008 Republican National Convention, and the live coverage of the Sean Bell shooting indictments. Previously, he was the executive producer of Special Projects at WFXT-TV in Boston.

Antonio earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Florida.

About ABC7/WABC-TV New York

ABC7 has been the leader in local news and entertainment programming in the New York City area for 75 years. Producing more than 45 hours of live local news and weather each week, Channel 7 "Eyewitness News" is the most-watched local news in New York and the United States. WABC-TV also produces "Live with Kelly and Mark," weekdays at 9 a.m., which is seen in more than 200 markets across the U.S. Quality news and programming, cutting-edge technology, and ongoing community outreach are the hallmarks of excellence that have consistently kept WABC-TV New York's No. 1 station and the most-watched television station in the nation.

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