

# Joel Labi

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## PROFILE

**10+ years as a News Anchor, Senior Reporter and Producer in broadcast journalism. A strong writer with in-depth knowledge of newsgathering and storytelling.**

- **International experience** including various on air appearances with CNN International, the 2014 United Nations General Assembly, selection in the Australian Prime Minister's traveling Press Corp to the USA, anchoring Olympic Games news coverage in Beijing/London and on the ground in Israel/ Palestinian Territories.
  - **Field reporting** from election campaign trails to violent street protests, crime scenes, breaking court stories and the events in Australian sport.
  - **An accomplished Anchor** with two nominations for Australian Commercial Radio's 'Best News Presenter' Award.
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**CURRENT VISA Hong Kong Working Visa**

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## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Journalism – Graduated 2008**

University of Technology – Sydney, Australia

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## EXPERIENCE

**CNN International – HongKong**

**Producer – News Stream (January 2016-Present)**

- **Highlights include** extensive production of CNN's flagship Asia news program, exercising critical editorial judgment for live television
- Writing and constructing major segments, including in depth explainers on Australia's asylum seeker policy, Syria's civil war hotspots and Rodrigo Duterte's major controversies.
- Writing and tracking packages
- Working directly with anchor and senior international correspondents to deliver compelling live shots and interviews

**CNN International – Atlanta**

**Producer/On Air Talent (January 2015-January 2016)**

- **Highlights include** providing live breaking news reporting during Ethiopian Jews riot in Tel Aviv, terror arrests in Sydney and Victoria's 2015 bushfire disaster.
- Analysis on leadership challenge against Australian Prime Minister
- Writing and tracking packages
- Extensive production of hour long, often simulcast shows. Many included major coverage of breaking news including Nepal Earthquake, Germanwings Crash, Israeli Elections, Bataclan and Charlie Hebdo terror attack, death of Saudi King Abdullah

**Sky News TV, Macquarie Radio Network, Seven TV Network Australia – New York**

**Freelance US Correspondent (March 2014-January 2015)**

- **Highlights include** comprehensive coverage of United Nations General Assembly, including being present for speeches by USA, Australia, Israel, UK and Iran
- Attending the Oval Office for comments from Prime Minister Tony Abbott and US President Barack Obama.
- United Nations Security Council sessions on Malaysian Airlines Flight 17 and the Israel-Gaza conflict.
- Boston bombings 1 year anniversary

## **Macquarie Radio Network (Radio 2GB) - Sydney, Australia**

### **Chief News Anchor/Senior Reporter (June 2006-March 2014)**

- Chief news anchor for talkback hosts Alan Jones and Ray Hadley – contributing to their success as Australia's highest rating breakfast and morning shows for 10 years running.
- Youngest person in the network's history to be afforded this position.
- Writer, editor and manager of high profile team of journalists.
- **Lead reporter for major stories and events**
  - Beijing/London Olympics in 2008 and 2012
  - 3 Australian Federal Elections – traveling Press Corp with candidates
  - Live coverage of the overthrowing of Kevin Rudd as Australian Prime Minister
  - 2013 Australian bushfire crisis.

## **Nine Network TV – Sydney, Australia**

### **Chief of Staff (January 2009-September 2009)**

- Helped broaden network's focus on breaking new domestically and internationally.
- Led final liaisons with news anchors before going to air
- Drove push for more exclusive content on nightly newscasts.

## **AIJAC Press Corp Mission to Israel – Israel/Palestinian Territories**

### **Reporter (December 2007)**

- At age 19, youngest journalist to be selected as part of the high profile delegation.
- Granted access to cabinet ministers, Prime Minister's spokesman, religious leaders and victims of terrorism.
- First journalist in the group to interview a resident on the Israel-Gaza border, barely an hour after his home was destroyed by a rocket.

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**SKILLS:** Inews, Reportage, interviewing, broadcasting, researching Newsboss, AVID video editing software, audio editing, word processing, speedreading

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**LANGUAGES:** Fluent in English (native), proficient in conversational Italian and Hebrew

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