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After moving to Massachusetts in 1995, he joined Dow Jones/Ottaway where he wrote for newspapers in Salem and Gloucester. At these papers he covered the fatal sinking of the *Heather Lynne II* and wrote a well-regarded series about the lack of emergency healthcare in several communities north of Boston due to overly stringent state regulations.

As a public relations practitioner, Underation worked with the top media outlets in the nation—including the *New York Times*, *Today* show, the *CBS Early Show* and television programs like *House* and *Mystery Diagnosis*.

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