



JOEL WEISMAN

Joel Weisman is an attorney, talent agent and Emmy award-winning Chicago television host and commentator. He is host and senior editor of *Chicago Tonight: The Week in Review*, winner of Chicago Emmy Awards for Outstanding Conversation Program Series and Outstanding Public Affairs Series. He has been with WTTW, Channel 11, since 1973, and he has hosted *Week in Review* for more than 30 years.

The “Joel Weisman” name is synonymous with no-nonsense interviews and commentaries, often spiked with inside information about Chicago politics and public affairs. In his weekly program, Joel analyzes state, local and national issues with a panel of journalists.

A Chicago native, Joel broke into journalism with the storied City News Bureau of Chicago, worked for the *Gary Post-Tribune*, was political editor and investigative reporter for the *Chicago American (Chicago Today)*, reporter/columnist and Metropolitan Editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times* and Midwest correspondent for *The Washington Post*. He’s won multiple Peter Lisagor, Jacob Scher, and Associated Press awards and was twice nominated for Pulitzer Prizes for his investigative reporting. His television career also includes Emmy Award-winning commentary and news analysis for 13 years for WGN Television, where he directed election coverage with a team known as the “Joel Patrol.”

As an attorney, Joel specializes in media and entertainment law. He has represented hundreds of media personalities (including some of the highest paid in local television) since 1976. He represents journalists at stations and publications around the country and has lectured extensively on legal and journalism issues. Joel has also devoted many years of service to his alma mater, The University of Illinois, where he was chairman of the Alumni Association and member of the Athletic Board. He was also an adjunct professor at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he received his J.D. degree.

Joel lives with his wife of 43 years, Analee, in Deerfield. They have three sons, Scott, a real estate investor and actor; Mitchell, an internet company owner, who lives with his wife, Kimberly, and their son, Holden, in San Carlos Ca.; and Matthew, a legislative director for an Arizona congressman in Washington D.C. Joel’s hobbies are golf, fishing, and reading, activities he enjoys on the many weekends each year that he and Analee spend in Galena, Illinois.