



MURIEL CLAIR

Muriel Clair is a first-rate journalist whose reports represent a clear and balanced set of facts with a perspective that illustrates respect and concern for the human side of a story. Muriel joined the WGN-TV news team in 1978. While covering a diverse range of stories and issues, Muriel developed a solid track record as WGN's principal trial reporter. Clair taught English in Detroit and Kansas City public schools before she began working for NBC's Kansas City affiliate, WDAF-TV, in the early 70's. Her excellent reporting at that station earned her a position at NBC's WMAQ-TV in Chicago where her background as both a journalist and educator made her a perfect fit for the education beat.

Despite a full and unpredictable schedule, Muriel finds time for community service and she has received numerous awards for her participation. She won the Broadcasters Award for African American TV and Filmmakers in 2003. In 2002, the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University's School of Law recognized Muriel for her "journalistic integrity and work to improve the criminal justice system." She was named the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's Woman of the Year in 2000 for outstanding service in the field of communications. Muriel has served as a board member of Marcy Newberry Association, a social service agency, and has actively worked with Child Serv, a community-based organization that helps children reclaim and control their lives. She has served on the board of the Free Street Theater, has been a mentor at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, and is a member of the Chicago Association of Black Journalists.

Muriel's highly successful *For Kids' Sake* series earned her several recognitions in the 1990's, including a Silver Dome Award from the Illinois Broadcasters Association, the Cardinal's Communicator Award, and she was named the Chicago Park District's 1994 Chicagoan of the Year for promoting Chicago's youth. She received another Cardinal's Communicator Award in 1991 for her series, *Families in Touch – Growing Up Drug Free*, and in 1993 she received an Associated Press first place award for her work on the series, *My Brother's Keeper*.

Muriel says she is honored and extremely pleased to join the elite group of television professionals in the Academy's Silver Circle.