Chicago journalist Walter Jacobson carries on the proud tradition of Chicago commentary begun by broadcast pioneers Clifton Utley and Len O’Connor. Since 1971, Walter Jacobson’s Perspective segments have earned dozens of Chicago Emmys and become the most honored commentaries in Chicago broadcast history.


His broadcast career took root, in 1963 at WBBM-TV, when he joined Channel 2 as a newswriter and then a reporter.

After two years as a reporter and commentator for WMAQ-TV (1971-72), Jacobson returned to WBBM-TV. From 1973 to 1989 he co-anchored The Ten O’Clock News and from 1976 to 1986 solo anchored The Channel 2 News at Five. Those newscasts were number one in their time periods from 1980-1985.

In 1985, a Washington Journalism Review poll named Jacobson the best local anchor in the country. In addition, he has been honored with five Peter Lisagor Awards (three for “best commentary”) and two Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Awards, one for commentaries and the other for best election coverage in the United States as part of the Channel 2 news team. His investigative skills and reporting on the problems of the ‘little guy’ have made him one of Chicago’s most recognized and respected journalists.

In 1993, Jacobson brought his straightforward style to WFLD-TV FOX 32. He currently co-anchors FOX News Chicago at 9PM and continues his insightful Perspective commentaries.