

## DIANE DIMOND

Diane Dimond is a modern day journalist who defies a category. She's been called "A renaissance broadcaster" for her versatility on-air and "A reporter's reporter" for her consistently high-quality investigative storytelling. Dimond's greatest talent may be her ability to speak of complicated stories in an understandable, common-sense way.

Most recently Diane was seen by millions on Court TV, NBC's Today Show, MSNBC, Larry King Live and news outlets worldwide reporting on the Michael Jackson child molestation case. Her book on Jackson, "*Be Careful Who You Love: Inside the Michael Jackson Case*", published by Simon and Schuster and released in November 2005, is an explosive tome detailing Dimond's exclusive revelations from 1993 when she first broke the story - to the case 10 years later when, once again, Dimond was the first to report the second charge of molestation.

Diane has been at the center of countless other major news stories as well. She was the first to report the story of rape at the Kennedy compound in Palm Beach, Florida and to identify William Kennedy Smith as the accused. And Dimond has been praised for her hard-hitting interviews with a number of infamous prison inmates including: Pamela Smart, a school teacher serving a life sentence for enticing her high school lover to kill her husband; James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of Martin Luther King Jr.; Jeffery McDonald, the convicted "Fatal Vision Killer"; Kenneth Bianchi, the convicted "Hillside Strangler" and Dimond is the only reporter to have ever interviewed Richard Allen Davis, the convicted killer of Polly Klass.

Diane Dimond began her broadcasting career in Albuquerque, New Mexico. At the 50 thousand watt KOB Radio she wrote and anchored the morning newscasts and her investigative series on corruption within the local sheriff's department earned her the prestigious Silver Gavel Award from the American Bar Association.

In 1976, Dimond moved across the country to Washington, DC to anchor newscasts for National Public Radio's "*All Things Considered*." In 1980 she became Correspondent for the RKO Radio Network, assigned to cover Capitol Hill, the White House and various Washington agencies. She became the networks National Political Correspondent and covered the campaigns of both President Ronald Regan and his challenger Walter Mondale.

Finally making a move into television in 1986 Dimond's first TV news job was at the flagship CBS Station in New York. At WCBS she earned several awards for covering such groundbreaking stories as the "Baby M" surrogate mother case.

Dimond went into syndicated television in 1990 when she became the investigative reporter for the program *Hard Copy*. Time Magazine cited Diane's continuing coverage of the Michael Jackson story as among "The Best TV of '93". Dimond also made headlines when she acquired and aired the actual interrogation tape of OJ Simpson being questioned by the Los Angeles police department. She then anchored the nationally syndicated program EXTRA and made headlines with her expose of the deceptive practices of the Jerry Springer show, among other investigative reports.

In 1998 Diane moved to NBC and partnered with Geraldo Rivera to co-anchor CNBC's nightly newscast, UpFront Tonight. Among other top-shelf stories she anchored extensive live reports from

Washington on the impeachment proceedings against former President Bill Clinton. After moving to MSNBC Dimond hosted the series, "Missing Persons", anchored major news blocks and, among other stories, covered the 2000 presidential campaign, traveling with three of the candidates, George W. Bush, Al Gore and Ralph Nader. Dimond also became known as the correspondent who spent 35 straight days outside the Vice President's residence in Washington as the nation awaited the final, controversial recount of the vote.

After the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 terror attack in New York City Diane anchored live programs on the Fox News Channel where she specialized in the network's continuing coverage of the war on terrorism. Her live interviews with military and policy newsmakers were often quoted by other news organizations.

Diane Dimond lives in Rockland County, New York with her husband, fellow broadcast journalist Michael Schoen.