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Derrick Blakley is the political reporter for CBS 2 Chicago.

Blakley joined CBS 2 in June 2003, returning to the CBS family after 15 years at NBC 5 Chicago. Before his current assignment at CBS 2, he previously served as weekday anchor, weekend anchor, and general assignment reporter. Blakley was a CBS News Correspondent for seven years, based in Chicago, London and Bonn, Germany.

At WMAQ-TV, Blakley, a five-time Emmy Award winner, started as a general assignment reporter. He later anchored the weekend morning newscasts and, finally, the weekend evening news.

Blakley got his start in television news as a reporter at WBNS-TV, the CBS affiliate in Columbus, Ohio. He began his journalism career as a news reporter at the Chicago Tribune.

A Chicago native, Blakley grew up on the South Side and graduated from Hales Franciscan High School, where he has served on the school's Board of Trustees. He was awarded a bachelor's degree with honors Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. He also holds a masters in communications from the University of Illinois.