

Mark Douglas is an Emmy Award winning investigative journalist who has worked for News Channel 8 since 1995.

His career has taken him to locations as distant as Russia and diverse as the witness room of Florida's death chamber.

Over the course of 40 years, Mark's tenacious reporting has exposed consumer fraud and financial scandals in charities, triggered judicial reforms, uncovered environmental pollution, and helped put a number of criminals behind bars.

He currently produces the popular *You Paid For It* segment for News Channel 8 focusing on government waste, questionable spending and fraud.

His peers have recognized his work with numerous local, state, regional and national awards including a Suncoast NATAS Emmy, National Headliner Award, and Regional SPJ Green Eyeshade Award.

Mark has published professional articles in national journals for ethics and investigative journalism and has been a featured speaker at national, regional and local journalism conferences and seminars. He wrote nearly 400 newspaper stories for the former Tampa Tribune where a number of his still photos also appeared.

Mark's journalism career began in 1976 after his graduation from Florida State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication. He earned a Master's Degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism four years later. Mark later served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Tampa, Department of Communication for 19 years.

He currently serves in a leadership role in his church, volunteers at his daughter's school and for other community causes and loves to play golf in his spare time.