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# **OBJECTIVE**

Freelance, Contract, and full-time Copywriter / Copy Editor / Senior Proofreader & Content Operations partner — open to Copy Supervisor, Content Manager, and (for small shops) Creative Director-level leadership. I help agencies and brands ship accurate, on-brand work fast while mentoring and onboarding junior writers raising the editorial bar.

# **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- 20+ years across agencies, brands, and nonprofits: copywriting, copy editing, senior proofreading, QA, and content production.
- Mentored junior copywriters on voice, clarity, and process; several advanced into stronger roles at other agencies.
- Fluent in multi-channel deliverables: websites, landing pages, email, social, display, OOH, radio, OTT/CTV, long-form editorial.
- Trusted "last line of defense": enforce house style, brand voice, legal, compliance, and vendor specs under deadline.
- Content ops mindset: scoping, trafficking, version control, Litmus/browser checks, asset usage renewals, and QA testing.
- Diplomatic cross-functional collaborator with Creative, Strategy, Account, Media, Public Relations, and Dev; steady in crisis, calm in chaos.
- Research-driven editor who turns complex inputs into clear, actionable copy without losing the story or the strategy.
- Comfortable client-facing: presenting edits/rationale, coaching SMEs, and aligning feedback to brief and brand platform.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### PETERMAYER ADVERTISING - NEW ORLEANS, LA

#### Senior Proofreader / Copy Editor / QA Specialist • 3/2005 - Present

- Proofread and edited consumer-facing and in-house campaigns across digital and print; enforced brand voice and style.
- Served as QA lead for web, email, social, carousels, GIFs, and animated display banners; ran Litmus and browser checks.
- Partnered with creative and strategy to refine messaging, reduce ambiguity, and keep deliverables on brief and on time.
- Mentored junior writers on brand voice, clarity, and process; set expectations and modeled calm, methodical workflows.
- Edited long-form thought leadership articles and PDFs, blogs, newsletters, magazines, advertorials, RFPs, and new-business materials.

# CORE COMPETENCIES

Copywriting

Copy Strategy

Brand Voice & Messaging

Line & Developmental Editing

Senior Proofreading

QA & Compliance

**Version Control** 

**Content Operations** 

**SEO Awareness** 

Style Guides (Chicago/AP/MLA)

Creative Mentorship

Cross-Functional Collaboration

Stakeholder Management

Deadline Management

## **SKILLS & TOOLS**

Microsoft Word (Track Changes)

Adobe Acrobat Pro (Comments)

ProofHQ

Litmus

Browser Testing (BrowserStack)

**Google Docs** 

Asana

Monday.com

SharePoint

ShareFile

WordPress

Wix

Adobe Premiere Pro

SEO (Semrush)

Outlook

#### Production Assistant • 4/2022 - 3/2025

- Coordinated production schedules and deliverables; aligned trafficking, specs, and vendor requirements to budget.
- Managed usage renewals for broadcast/OTT; ensured rights compliance and timely payments.
- Procured and organized voice, music, and visual assets for creative teams to accelerate campaign delivery.
- Voice Actor in multiple Addy Award-winning Faubourg Brewery radio spots alongside New Orleans blues legend Little Freddie King.

#### THE MORAN GROUP - NEW ORLEANS, LA

#### QA Specialist • 12/2016 - 2/2018

- Maintained websites and social/blog updates for various auto dealership clients around the U.S. as part of a Google Premier Partner team.
- Reviewed digital ad copy for accuracy, compliance, and brand voice under tight deadlines.
- Audited client websites improving bounce rates while tailoring content for better SEO performance.

### SEARCH INFLUENCE - NEW ORLEANS, LA

#### Freelance Copywriter • 9/2016 - 1/2017

• Wrote keyword-informed blog posts and press releases for business clients.

# **EDITORIAL & PUBLISHING (SELECTED)**

- The Porch Project: Porch Portraits of New Orleans Copy Editor (2017–2018).
- Natural Awakenings Magazine Editor (2016–2018).
- Society for the Study of the Short Story Copy Editor/Proofreader for academic volumes; conference coordination (1999–2004).
- WWII Veteran Joe Cassin Editor/Ghostwriter; compiled oral histories submitted to The National WWII Museum (2003–2005).
- Healing Tao Instructors Association Essay: "Marrying the Heart and the Brain" (2015).
- Freelance Writer Research, architect interview, and narrative used to secure funding to restore a 19th-century building into Mambo's Restaurant on Bourbon Street (2016).
- PilottownStories Social Media Manager/Writer/Editor/Interviewer; oral-history project highlighting cultural change and coastal loss (2012–2017).

# PRODUCTION, PERFORMANCE & FILM (SELECTED)

- Independent Music Production Coordinator, Organizer & Performer booked/ produced mixed-media shows; bass guitar and keyboard performance across jazz/rock/world contexts.
- Stages/Festivals include: John Zorn's Full Force Festival (NYC), Mohawk (Austin), Contemporary Arts Center New Orleans, Jazz & Heritage Festival, Anne Rice Ball.
- Lombardi Trophy Second Line Parade Assisted with parade logistics during NFL Super Bowl LIX Week (2025).
- Film/TV: Production Assistant & background actor on independent shorts; dialect coach on a local short; appearances in Shock & Awe and The Pelican Brief.

## **EDUCATION**

**Loyola University New Orleans**Bachelor's, English Writing;
Dean's List (GPA 3.47)

## **LANGUAGES**

English (Fluent)
French (Basic Proficiency)

# SELECTED CLIENTS

The National WWII Museum

Lumen Technologies

Quantum Fiber

CenturyLink

HILTI

Marucci Sports

Hancock Whitney Bank

Comcast

Louisiana Office of Tourism

New Orleans & Company

Ochsner (Digital)

Sazerac

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival

Louisiana Economic

Development

Asheville Tourism

Mississippi Gulf Coast Tourism

**Delaware North** 

Zatarain's

McCormick & Co.

Ruth's Chris Steak House

New Orleans Pelicans

**New Orleans Saints** 

**Piccadilly** 

NFL (Super Bowl LIX)

Sanderson Farms

**Emerald Coast Tourism** 

**Arlington Convention Center** 

Mignon Faget

**NOLA Brewing** 

Faubourg Brewing

Audubon Nature Institute

City Park New Orleans

Antoine's Restaurant

Tijon New Orleans

Mambo's Restaurant

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