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MOLLY KELLEHER NAMED NEWS DIRECTOR AT WBTV

CHARLOTTE, NC (December 23, 2021) – WBTV has a new News Director, promoting Assistant News Director Molly Kelleher to the newsroom's top spot.



"I am so grateful to take on this new role and stay in this community that I love," said Kelleher. "I am proud to be tapped to lead a newsroom full of journalists that care so passionately day in and day out."

Kelleher takes over for outgoing News Director Kim Saxon, who recently accepted the News Director role at WGCL in Atlanta. Gray Television, WBTV's parent company, acquired WGCL along with 15 other stations when it purchased Meredith's TV properties earlier this month.

WBTV's General Manager, Scott Dempsey, knew he didn't have to look too far for Saxon's successor. "Molly is a dedicated and experienced journalist," Dempsey said. "She has been at the helm of every major coverage plan, station initiative, and has helped develop many of the talented professionals in our newsroom in these past 7 years at WBTV. We're confident her leadership will continue to put us on a path toward future success and help us continue to serve our growing community."

Kelleher, a 20-year veteran in TV news, started her career as a weekend producer at KOLO in Reno while earning her undergraduate degree at the University of Nevada. After getting her master's degree at Boston University, she turned an internship into her first reporting job at WVII in Bangor, Maine. Her next stop took her to the Pacific Northwest to KEPR in Pasco, Washington, where she took on several newsroom roles including MMJ, anchor, producer, and newsroom manager. She spent three years as Executive Producer at KOLD in Tucson, Arizona before moving to WBTV in 2014. She served as the Charlotte CBS's Executive Producer for five years prior to being named Assistant News Director in 2019.

"I'm committed to building on our strengths, moving this team forward in new and exciting ways, all while staying true to the WBTV legacy," Kelleher added.

Kelleher officially takes on the new role starting January 8th, 2022.

About WBTV
WBTV was the first television station to sign on in the Carolinas and is considered the "most trustworthy source of news and information" in the area according to research. Being "On Your Side" for the community is the guiding principle of WBTV and helps drive its award-winning newscasts and quality local journalism. Visit www.wbtv.com to learn more.

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