

JOE HIGHT

Joe Hight is The Oklahoman/NewsOK.com's director of information and development. His career in journalism has spanned 29 years as a reporter, editor or director.

He served for two terms as president of the Dart Center for Journalism & Trauma, an international organization based at Columbia University with offices in London and Melbourne. He authored and co-authored print and online booklets and columns that are still used by the Dart Center, including "Tragedies & Journalists: A Guide for More Effective Coverage" that has been translated into three different languages. He also co-founded the People and the Media Program at the University of Central Oklahoma, where he was named as a "distinguished former student."

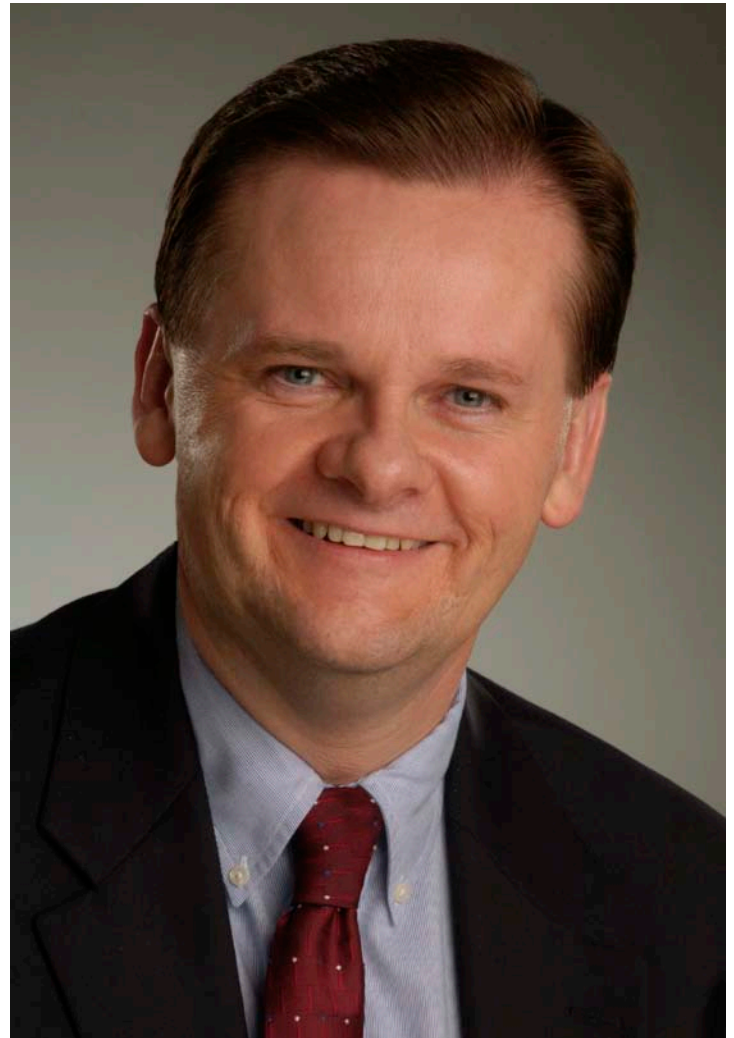
He also is the immediate past chairman of the Mid-America Press Institute and serves on the boards of several other journalism-related organizations.

He has taught and lectured at several universities and media organizations in the United States, Australia, London and Ireland, been a visiting faculty member at the Poynter Institute, a panelist at the Aspen Institute and has spoken at several conventions and workshops, including four straight National Writers Workshops.

He also wrote several articles on writing, editing, interviewing, victim's coverage and other subjects in the latest edition of "Reporting for the Media," a textbook that's used at many universities. He is now writing a book about his late brother's journey as a priest who suffered from mental illness.

At The Oklahoman, he was victims team leader of the Oklahoma City bombing coverage that won two national SPJ awards, a national Dart Award for Excellence in Coverage of Violence and many others. He also leads information efforts that include the "know it" online communities and "Your Right to Know" projects, which most recently won the national Society of Professional Journalists' "Public Service in Online Journalism" awards as well as regional and state First Amendment awards.

Hight is also involved in several community and Oklahoma organizations.



He and his wife, Nan, have two children, Elena, a junior at Washington University in St. Louis, and Elyse, a sophomore at Bishop McGuinness High School in Oklahoma City.