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CBS 6 WTVR Sports Director Lane Casadonte Named Virginia Sportscaster of the Year

(Richmond, VA) --- CBS 6 WTVR Sports Director Lane Casadonte has been named Virginia Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

The National Sportscaster and Sportswriters Association includes approximately 700 of the nation's leading sportscasters and sportswriters with more than 80 sports media legends in the Hall of Fame. Nominated by his peers of broadcasters and writers, this award marks a first for Lane Casadonte in his sixteen year career at CBS 6. "To be recognized by your colleagues is always such an honor" said CBS 6 WTVR Sports Director Lane Casadonte. "But to have the same distinction as some in the NSSA Hall of Fame is quite humbling." continued Casadonte. "We have a department and a staff of photographers intensely focused on bringing Central Virginians sports coverage like no other organization in the market, and I share this award with them," continued Casadonte.

A banquet to present the awards for each state will be held on May 3rd at the NSSA's Annual Awards Banquet in Salisbury, NC. Notable attendees include National Sportscaster of the Year Jim Nantz of CBS Sports, National Sportswriter of the Year Bob Ryan of *The Boston Globe* and NSSA Hall of Fame inductee Peter Gammons of the MLB Network.

In addition to receiving this award, Lane Casadonte was also honored by the Associated Press as Virginia's Sportscaster of the Year in 2009.

CBS 6 WTVR is owned by Local TV LLC, a broadcast holding company created in 2007 to acquire nine heritage television stations in eight midsized markets. In 2008, the company acquired eight Fox affiliates previously owned by News Corporation. In 2009, the company acquired WTVR-TV, the South's First Television Station.

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