

Paul Joncich is an Emmy winning newsman who co-anchors our number one rated Noon and 4 p.m. shows with Denise Valdez.

Since joining KLAS in 2012, Paul has immersed himself in everything Las Vegas. When he's not on the anchor desk, he can be found emceeding charity events.

During his first event in front of about 600 people at the Paris Hotel, Las Vegas mayor Carolyn Goodman planted a big kiss on Paul...who blushed before calling Mrs. Goodman "the best kissing mayor in America." Looking back, it was a nice welcome to town.

On weekends, you'll find Paul on local sports fields cheering on his three active children, who participate on their respective baseball, football, and swimming teams.

In fact, Paul is an avid sportsman himself, he's a tournament tennis player currently competing at the 4.5 level, and he plays in the Southern Nevada Adult Baseball League, where his teammates who are similarly running from old age, include a police officer, nightclub operator, and a former NASA Shuttle astronaut.

Paul joined KLAS in August of 2012. He came to us from Cleveland, where he was an anchor/reporter for WOIO the CBS affiliate. What was Cleveland like? Great people, rich history, and beautiful neighborhoods. But one lake effect storm dropped so much snow, it covered up his mailbox. The plows came rumbling through and plowed the snow....and his mailbox away. Paul is still thawing out from 6 years in Cleveland.

During his time at WOIO Paul covered a myriad of stories including LeBron James' meteoric career and the arrest of the Cleveland Strangler, a convicted sex offender who avoided authorities for years while murdering 11 women.

Another unforgettable story was the search for kidnap victim Gina DeJesus. Standing in her daughters' untouched bedroom years after she disappeared, Gina's mother told Paul: "Something tells me my daughter is still out there." Approximately two years after that interview, Gina DeJesus was found alive in a house of horrors where she and two other kidnapped girls had been kept - chained to the floor for years.

Prior to Cleveland, Paul was the primary anchor for CBS-13 in Sacramento where he helped make KOVR's 10 p.m. newscast number one in the market. In addition to anchoring, Paul's reporting took him to San Quentin prison where he witnessed the execution of a serial killer, and to Russia, where he covered the break up of the Soviet Union.

Paul has been known to throw himself into his assignments. During Operation Desert Storm, he went through the rigors of qualifying for Ranger training. For a story during halftime of the Super Bowl Paul joined a semi-pro football team and still bears the scar from a violent helmet hit to the chin.

Paul has also anchored and reported at KNXV in Phoenix and KUSA in Denver, winning two Emmy awards and receiving more than 15 Emmy nominations and Associated Press awards along the way.

Now, he is extremely happy to be at KLAS and living in Las Vegas. “I’ve been admiring KLAS for years. They’ve made a name for themselves as one of the best run local news stations in the country. Their commitment to producing compelling I-Team material on a consistent basis is impressive. My family and I couldn’t be happier to make Las Vegas our home.”

If you see Paul around the valley, don’t be afraid to stop and say hi.