

# From Journalist to Dallas Mayor to Clean Energy Consultant



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Laura Miller has worked hard to build a well-known name for herself in Dallas, Texas. Miller has worked for almost every newspaper in the city of Dallas including The Dallas Morning News, the Dallas Times Herald, The Dallas Observer, D Magazine as well as newspapers outside of Texas, the New York Daily, and The Miami Herald

She was born in Baltimore, but moved around in the northeast as a child. Miller said she gained her strong sense for outrage when she was 11 years old, after a man who had gone to take an estimate of the collection's value stole her great grandfather's stamp collection. After that incident, Laura Miller began to set a pathway that would lead her into her future success. She soon got her first job as a waitress at 14, an example of the hard work and dedication she has pursued throughout her life.

During her high school years, Miller's family settled in Stamford, Connecticut where she discovered her love for journalism and her passion. There she was part of the school's literary review, newspaper, and yearbook. Her love of penmanship as a child was also a contributing factor in her pursuit toward a journalism career.

After high school, Miller attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she majored in journalism. During her undergraduate she had journalism internships all over the country and was the campus correspondent for *Time* magazine and the Milwaukee Sentinel.

As a young woman, Miller was picked as one of the top Ten College Women in Vogue Magazine. And after working in Florida for a year, Miller traveled in Europe and was able to report on Martial Law in Poland and Grace Kelly's death for the Miami Herald as a freelance journalist.

While working as an award-winning journalist for 18 years, she was mainly a columnist and an investigative reporter. After reporting on city hall for The Dallas Observer. At the Observer she was able to write both opinion and investigative stories.

Miller decided to turn to the "dark side" and run for city council in 1998 in order to change things she could only expose as a reporter. After serving on the council for three-and-a-half years, Miller decided to run for Mayor in 2002 after Ron Kirk left office. Once elected she served as mayor for four years, tackling difficult projects and dealing with those who, as she says, "either loved me or they didn't like me at all."

Seven years after leaving office, Miller is still recognized by her tough investigative reporting, at times even more so than from her mayoral work. She admits that working for The Observer was the pinnacle of her professional career.

As a consultant for the Texas Clean Energy project, she now is committed to a cleaner way of handling coal and creating a higher bar of expectations for coal companies. She continues to use her tenacity and determination, which she demonstrated in her journalistic and mayoral careers, in her current passion in bringing cleaner air to Texas and all of the U.S.