

JAMES L. WRIGHT

Director | Director of Photography | Field Production Leader | FAA Part 107 Drone Pilot

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Senior television production professional with 34 years of experience across unscripted series, documentary, competition, lifestyle, outdoor, and streaming formats. Proven Director, Director of Photography, and Camera Operator trusted by networks and production companies to deliver cinematic, story-driven content under demanding schedules. Extensive experience leading field teams, collaborating with showrunners and executive producers, and executing multi-camera and large-scale location productions domestically and internationally.

TELEVISION PRODUCTION EXPERTISE

- Unscripted Series & Documentary Production
- Field & Studio Multi-Camera Direction
- Director of Photography – Cinematic Visual Approach
- Collaboration with Showrunners & Executive Producers
- Camera Department Leadership & Crew Supervision
- Domestic & International Location Production
- High-Pressure Schedule & Budget Environments
- Equipment Strategy, Logistics & Asset Oversight
- Integrated Drone & Aerial Cinematography (FAA Part 107)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director / Director of Photography / Camera Operator

Broadcast, Cable & Streaming Series | United States, Europe & Africa

- 34 years contributing to over 90 television series, documentaries, and specials across major networks and platforms.
- Key credits include: The Profit (CNBC), Beyond Scared Straight (A&E), Million Dollar Listing (Bravo), WAGS (E!), Lincoln Log Masters (Roku), Farm Dreams (National Geographic/Disney+), and House Of Heat (Tubi).
- Lead camera departments and multidisciplinary field crews in dynamic production environments.
- Execute complex shoots involving talent, documentary access, competition formats, and real-time storytelling.
- Partner closely with producers and network stakeholders to maintain tone, pacing, and visual consistency.

EDUCATION

San Francisco State University | Bachelor of Arts, Broadcast & Electronic Communication Arts | Summa Cum Laude