

Gregory J. Gilligan has been the business editor at the Richmond Times-Dispatch since August 2010.

He was the deputy business editor from January 2007 to August 2010 and was named an assistant Business editor in January 2005. Despite his promotions, he continues to write stories.

He covered the retail industry from 1993 until January 2008. Gilligan also wrote a weekly column, called Biz Buzz, that has appeared in Monday's Metro Business section every week, except for once or twice, since mid-1993. After 15 years, he stopped writing the column as of June 30, 2008.

During his tenure as a reporter, he wrote about every major development relating to the retail industry in Virginia, from the demise of catalog showroom retailer Best Products and home furnishings retailer Heilig-Meyers to the ups and downs at consumer electronics retailer Circuit City and automotive retailer CarMax. He spent a considerable amount of time in 2003 writing about the two new malls that opened in the Richmond area, including a weekly feature called "Mall Watch." He regularly sat down with top executives at some of the country's leading retailers. Wall Street analysts called him regularly for his articles, his insight and knowledge about companies.

In late 2008 and early 2009, he assisted in the newspaper's coverage of the demise of Circuit City, including writing an in-depth story about how the retailer went from good to great to gone.

For a decade until December 2009, Gilligan worked one day as a clerk during the holidays at a different retailer and then wrote a story based on that experience to give readers an idea of what the job entails. In the past, he has worked as a clerk at Wal-Mart, Bath & Body Works, Circuit City, World of Mirth, Costco, Saks Fifth Avenue, Build-a-Bear Workshop, Hecht's, Toys 'R' Us and Crate & Barrel.

He has been honored with awards from the Virginia Press Association.

In addition to his job at The Times-Dispatch, Gilligan taught journalism classes at Virginia Commonwealth University from 2003 to 2008.

He also appeared on WWBT-Channel 12 in Richmond to provide analysis on the retail industry. And, in the 1990s, he was one of the anchors of the "Tomorrow's Headlines Tonight" segment that aired on WTVR-Channel 6.

He has been at the newspaper since January 1987.

He is a graduate of The Ohio State University. He is past president of the Richmond chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and a past national board member of the organization.