

PHOENIX, AZ — 12 News/KPNX and [12News.com](http://12News.com), the TEGNA (NYSE: TGNA)-owned television and digital properties in Phoenix, Arizona have named George Davilas as News Director, effective June 27.

Davilas is a veteran executive producer, showrunner and programming development executive. He has nearly 20 years of leadership experience at ABC/Disney, NBCUniversal, CBS Television Distribution, Warner Bros/Telepictures, Debmar-Mercury, Court TV News and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

“George brings a unique and exciting skill set to our news organization, with a special focus on and passion for storytelling,” said President and General Manager, John Misner. “He is a genuine leader committed to serving our great state and local community.”

“I am honored to lead the 12 News newsroom. The station’s award-winning legacy, trusted news reputation, sophisticated digital perspective and dedication to the people of Arizona are all elements of a winning formula.” said Davilas.

Experienced in network, cable, syndication, local and digital programming, Davilas is an Emmy Award-winner, seven-time Emmy nominee, and Gracie Allen and Prism Award-winner. He has spearheaded over 3,000 hours of original programming and held executive and producing roles for programs headlined by Anderson Cooper, John Walsh, Jane Pauley, Nancy Grace, and Martha Stewart.

Additional credits include MSNBC's "Morning Joe," WCVB-TV Boston, NewsWatch 3 Worcester (MA), "The Doctors," "Good Morning America" and Inc. Magazine.