

JAYNE O'DONNELL

Jayne O'Donnell is a Washington-based reporter for the *Money* section of USA TODAY. She covers auto safety, antitrust and white collar crime.

Jayne's covers federal agencies including the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department's antitrust division. Her speciality is scoops and consumer-oriented coverage that can't be found in other papers.

Her automotive expertise and investigative reporting skills have helped Jayne break many antitrust and auto safety stories over the last several years in USA TODAY. These include articles on Justice Department opposition to the Oracle-Peoplesoft merger, the FTC's suits on brand-name and generic drug deals and the dangers of front and side air bags.

Jayne is widely published and frequently interviewed. She appears often on USAT Live, USA TODAY's partnership with Gannett's 22 TV stations. She is also a frequent guest on "Good Morning America" and its weekend show. In addition, she has appeared on CBS news programs, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News Channel and "Live! With Regis & Kelly". She has written for *Washingtonian*, *Woman's Day*, *Working Woman*, *Better Homes & Gardens* and *AutoWeek* on consumer and Washington issues. Jayne got her start in journalism at *Roll Call* newspaper, where she was a columnist and reporter during the 1980s.

Jayne has won several public service and journalism awards for her work alerting the public to auto safety hazards. They include a Detroit Press Foundation first place award for exposing the dangers air bags posed to children. Jayne's reporting on air bags is widely credited with prompting the government's actions to make them safer, including the new "smart air bags" and the warning labels now in every new vehicle.

Jayne is a graduate of University of Maryland's College of Journalism and did graduate work at George Washington University's School of Business.

She lives in McLean, Va. with her husband, Richard Willing, a national correspondent for *USA Today*. They have one child, four-year-old Cate.