

Julie DiCaro



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Peabody-winning journalist Julie DiCaro is a recovering attorney, former sports talk radio host, and current sports writer and podcaster in Chicago. She is the author of such viral pieces as [*The Dangers of the Cool Girl Ideal*](#), [*Threats, Vitriol, Hate: The Ugly Truth About Women in Sports Media*](#), [*My Astoundingly Typical Rape*](#), [*How NOT to Talk About The Patrick Kane Rape Allegations*](#), and [*Why You Just Can't Ignore the Trolls*](#). She has written for outlets such as the New York Times, Washington Post, Vice Sports, The Establishment, and Huffington Post. She's currently a senior editor and writer at Deadspin, where she co-hosts the podcast, Always Game, with fellow sports writer Jane McManus.

DiCaro was raised in rural northern Illinois, and attended Indiana University, graduating in 1995 with degrees in journalism and French. She went on to study law at DePaul University College of Law. After graduating law school in 1998, she practiced law for more than a decade, concentrating on representing the marginalized. After working as a public defender, DiCaro went on to represent domestic violence victims in obtaining orders of protection and divorce cases.

In 2006, DiCaro started the popular Chicago Cubs blog, a League of Her Own, which was subsequently picked up by the Chicago Tribune and led to her amassing a large Twitter following. In 2012, she was hired by the Tribune to oversee the paper's burgeoning blog network. A regular fixture in Chicago sports commentary, DiCaro moved to sports talk radio in 2014, serving as a host and update anchor for WGN's nascent 87.7 The Game. In 2015, she moved on to 670 The Score, the top-ranked sports station in Chicago, where she hosts

several times a week, and has a regular show on weekends with sportswriter Maggie Hendricks. She is currently the only woman working regularly in sports radio in Chicago. She is a co-founder of the popular podcast Burn it All Down and current host of the sports history podcast Stick to Pods.

An outspoken critic of sexism in the media and online harassment, DiCaro joined with ESPN's Sarah Spain in 2016 to create [the viral video #MoreThanMean](#), for which she won a Peabody Award, a Gracie Award for Women in Media, A Sports CLIO Grand, and many other awards. To date, #MoreThanMean has been viewed more than 4 million times with no paid support and [sparked a national conversation about online abuse](#).

In addition to writing and broadcasting, DiCaro travels the country speaking to students and faculty about the role of women in the media, sports and social justice, and online harassment. She is a frequent guest on local and national television to discuss issues of sexism and social justice in sports. DiCaro continues to battle online abuse publicly and uses her vast social media presence to bring awareness to the issue.