

# Mansoor Ladha

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**Objective:** Seeking a copy editor/news editor position on a fast-paced newspaper or periodical where I am able to contribute my editing and lay out skills accurately and objectively to meet deadlines

## Summary

- More than ten years experience as a News Editor and Publisher
- Worked for leading oil and gas magazines in Alberta and both weekly and daily newspapers
- Works well with deadlines and under time pressure
- Previously worked in East Africa as a copy editor and features editor in Tanzania and Kenya.

## Relevant Skills and Accomplishments

### Supervisory/Publisher

- Coordinated the editorial direction and content, and specific writing assignments of editorial and advertising staff
- Supervised written headlines and coordinated page lay-outs
- Made periodic calls to major advertisers to ensure customer satisfaction and did follow-up
- Proposed magazine supplements for the advertising staff
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Excellent decision-making and leadership skills

### News editing

- Consulted with reporters on content ideas for stories and features and made recommendations as appropriate
- Selected and edited local written and wire copy for conciseness and readability
- Corrected errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation and format in accordance with the Canadian Press style
- Checked for potentially libelous, content, good taste, accuracy, fairness and balance in each story
- Researched and wrote articles for newspapers and magazines
- Ability to criticize effectively
- Possess excellent writing and research skills

## Work Experience

**Copy Editor**  
Calgary Herald  
Daily Newspaper

**Part-time**  
2006-2007

**News Editor**  
Warren Publishing Ltd., Calgary, AB

2005 - 2006

- Publishing company that produces eight monthly magazines for the Oil and Gas and the Construction industries

**Publisher**  
Morinville Mirror and Redwater Tribune, AB

1979 - 2005

- Community weekly newspapers covering Town Council, School Boards, County Council and Community news

## Education

**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History**  
University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa

**Diploma in Advanced Journalism**  
Thomson Foundation, Cardiff, Wales  
Awarded a Commonwealth scholarship in Journalism

## Community Involvement

**Member**, Calgary Arts Development Grants Committee, Calgary, AB 2006  
**Citizen of the year**, Town of Morinville, AB 2004  
**Member**, Capital Health Board, Edmonton, AB  
**Member**, Canadian Red Cross Northern Region Council, Edmonton, AB  
**Member**, Alberta Press council, AB