

## **Mike Clay Bio**

Chief Meteorologist Mike Clay leads the experienced team of weather experts from the Weather on the Nines Forecast Center.

You can see Mike each weekday afternoon and evening on Bay News 9 and any time severe weather threatens.

Mike's broadcasting career began at a small radio station in his native Texas back in 1978 when he was a junior in high school. In 1985, Mike moved from radio to television, taking his first job as a TV weather anchor at KCEN-TV in Waco, Texas.

In 1990, Mike became chief meteorologist at KXAN-TV, the NBC affiliate in Austin, Texas. Mike also did weather in Tyler and San Antonio, Texas. In 1995, it was off to the Great Northwest, covering snowstorms, earthquakes and even volcanoes as head of the weather department at Northwest Cable News in Seattle.

In 1997, Mike helped launch Bay News 9 as the original meteorologist on Your Morning News. Mike says his most memorable moment at Bay News 9 was the morning of Aug. 13, 2004 when Bay News 9 successfully forecast Hurricane Charley to stay south of the Tampa Bay area.

Mike received his meteorology education from Mississippi State University and also holds a degree in telecommunications from Central Texas College. He was awarded the AMS TV Seal of Approval in 1995 and later upgraded to the AMS Certified Broadcast Meteorologist Seal. Mike also holds the National Weather Association's TV and Radio Seal of Approval.

In 2010, Mike, along with his colleague Brian McClure, won a Florida Suncoast Emmy and a Florida Associated Press award for Best Weathercast for severe weather coverage.

In 2011, Mike was elected to the AMS Broadcasters Board for a three-year term starting in 2012. The Board grants the AMS Certified Broadcast Meteorologist Seal of Approval and sets standards for TV and Radio meteorologists who are members of the American Meteorological Society