Mollie Cooney anchors NewsChannel 8's Noon news and does special assignments. Her career at NewsChannel 8 started in 1976 as a reporter/anchor. She covered the courts and and the Des Moines School Board, as well as general assignment reporting and co-anchored the KCCI weekend news. In 1979, Mollie left for KNTV-TV in San Jose, California, working as an anchor/reporter. In1982, she rejoined the KCCI staff as an anchor and health reporter. She has covered local elections and countless presidential caucuses; co-hosted numerous telethons including the Children’s Miracle Network for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the long time Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. And, for more than 30 years, she anchored the annual KCCI Blood Donor Day community blood drive.

Mollie has won several journalism awards, including first place for Public Affairs at the IBNA awards for "Organ Donor Special." She also received the 1994 James Schwartz Award for Distinguished Service to Journalism from Iowa State University; won first place in the Television Division of the 1997 Iowa Health Care Media Awards and received the 1998-99 Communications Award from the American Heart Association.

In November of 1997, she got the first interview with Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey, parents of the world's only surviving septuplets. She is named in their book "Seven From Heaven.” She has followed the family and featured them as they grew from toddlers to teenagers learning to drive at 16 and getting ready to graduate at age 18.

In 2004, Mollie was selected as the recipient of the Iowa Association of Family and Consumer Sciences "Friend of the Family Award."

In 2009, she created the series "In the Artist's Studio" which aired Sunday mornings, highlighting the work of hundreds of local artists. For her efforts in recognizing the importance of the arts, Mollie received the Doug Brown Media Award, as part of the Ames Community Arts Council 2011 Art Awards.

In 2014, Mollie and her husband, past KCCI anchor Kevin Cooney, were nominated and each received the Silver Circle Award. It is the highest honor the National Television Academy bestows to those who have contributed to their field and their community for more than 25 years. They received their awards during the Upper Midwest Regional Emmy Awards in Minneapolis.

Mollie has served as a board member with Iowa State University's Greenlee School of Journalism; the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum; IRIS (Iowa Radio Reading Information Services); Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute and Hospice of Central Iowa.

Mollie was born in Clarinda, Iowa and grew up in Des Moines. She is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and Iowa State University, where she earned a degree in journalism, with an emphasis on political science.