

## **Kim Becking Bio**

Kim Becking is a nationally recognized and sought after author, motivational speaker and life coach. She is a "recovering" attorney, a successful business owner, a community activist, a patient advocate, a published author and speaker and more importantly a "**survivor**" who provides messages of hope, inspiration and humor and encourages people to find their voice and use life's stumbling blocks to rebuild their own lives. Kim believes life's inevitable challenges are an opportunity to pause and reinvent ourselves – not only surviving, but thriving.

In 2002, at the age of 30, while planning her son's second birthday, Kim was diagnosed with breast cancer. She fought it and with her friends and co-authors, wrote a book, *Nordie's at Noon*, about the experience. Twelve years later, she is now cancer free. Kim is now on a mission to empower others to be proactive with their health, their life and their future. She is a nationally recognized patient advocate and cancer survivor and has been honored by *SELF* and Lifetime Television for her tireless commitment to breast cancer awareness.

Kim's book, "Nordie's at Noon- the Personal Stories of Four Women "Too Young" for Breast Cancer," has received national acclaim and been featured in publications such as People, SELF, and The New York Times. She is the recipient of the Natalie Davis Spingarn Writer's Award by the National Coalition of Cancer Survivorship, the Shining Star of Perseverance by the Will Return Council, and the "You Make a Difference Award" from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure - Greater Kansas City Affiliate, among others.

Kim "gets" challenge. She understands the need to reframe and reclaim herself when life tosses her a curve ball. Her challenges have been faced by many of us. Fortunately, as an author and speaker, Kim has a passion to tell her story and share the tools she used to not only survive, but thrive. It's a story she can tell through many chapters: her battle with cancer, the demands of owning her own business, patient advocacy, the balance of being a working mother, the unexpected challenges of marriage, family and divorce, having a second chance at love, remarrying a widower with two small children, and adjusting to a fabulous new life in a blended household as Kim Becking – mom of three, party of five.

Kim graduated with honors from Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and received her Juris Doctorate with honors from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Kim currently resides in Columbia, Missouri with her husband, Jason, and her three children, Brandon (15), Adelaide (12) and Jack (9). She continues to make every day count – looking forward and living life.