



Kimberly Fink has been planning events for over 11 years. After graduating from college in Amherst, MA, Kimberly moved to Washington, DC and began working as a conference coordinator with the Department of Justice (DOJ). Kimberly's served as the national conference coordinator for the Project Safe Neighborhood's Anti-gun violence initiative (PSN). PSN is a 2 billion dollar initiative by the DOJ to deter gun and gang crime in America. In this capacity Kimberly worked under the Ashcroft administration to coordinate the PSN national conference for each 94 United State's Attorneys and 10 their staff members. Kimberly coordinated conference logistics, educational sessions, as well as a 1 million dollar conference budget.

In 2003 Kimberly took a position as the Director of Event Design with the State of Georgia. Working mostly with the University Educational System Kimberly produced events for both the University Presidents' and the Governor of Georgia. Kimberly managed a staff of planners who designed thousands of events each year, including ones for President George Bush as well as President Carter and his administration's staff, including the Gala celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Carter's inauguration. Some of Kimberly clients included Brain Williams, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Madeline Albright, Miss America, Chris Matthews, Supreme Justice Stephen Breyer, and many other political and entertainment figures.

In 2007 Kimberly had the opportunity to open her own event planning company- Kimberly Fink Events. Kimberly wanted to use her experience coordinating events and combine it with her love of design. Kimberly now offers her clients an opportunity to get expert logistical assistance with an event design focus. Kimberly's signature style combines modern adaptations with traditional elements that translate into a hip, urban look.

Kimberly believes strongly in continued education for event industry professionals. Kimberly has been involved for many years with ISES and Association of Collegiate Conference and Events Directors-International (ACCED-I), and the International Association of Conference Centers (IACC). Kimberly continues to teach workshops, which have including *"Foreign Heads of State to Local State Officials: Planning Events with Government Protectees"* at the 2008 Special Events Show and numerous workshops on event design for the IACC at the ACCED-I conferences, where she won the "best session of the year" award in 2007.

Kimberly is extremely grateful that she is able to continue working on projects that inspire and excite her. Some of her interests are studying her favorite designers, such as the great Dorothy Draper, the fabulous Miss Coco Chanel, and the eclectic Kelly Wearstler. She is also interested in color theory, antique furniture, old love letters, vintage letterpress, and folk art. One of her favorite quotes is: To create

something exceptional, your mindset must be relentlessly focused on the smallest detail (Giorgio Armani). She loves people, throwing dinner parties, napping with her 2 dogs, and tries not to take herself too seriously.