

Kim is not one who fits in any box. One bio won't really capture all of what she does or what is important to her. So here are some examples you can draw from.

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### **Short bio (~150 words)**

J. Kim Wright is a graduate of the University of Florida Levin School of Law. She has been licensed as a lawyer since 1989 and since 1994 has been a member of the North Carolina bar. She is credited as one of the founders of the Integrative Law Movement and is co-creator of the Conscious Contracts® process. She's the author of two ABA best-sellers, *Lawyers as Peacemakers* (2010) and *Lawyers as Changemakers* (2016) and co-editor of *Trauma-Informed Law*, to be published by the ABA in 2022. She has contributed to several other books and periodicals. In 2009, Kim was named one of the first ABA Legal Rebels (the visionaries of the profession).

As the CEO and Leader of Cutting-Edge Law Enterprises, a Florida social purpose corporation, she is involved in projects on six continents, dedicated to bringing transformation to the legal system. She is visiting faculty at Quinnipiac University School of Law and a consultant and thinking partner to conscious business and changemaking lawyers.

### **Shortest bio (43 words)**

J. Kim Wright is a professor, author of three ABA books, legal consultant and CEO of Cutting-Edge Law Enterprises Inc., a Florida social purpose corporation. She is one of the founders of the integrative law movement and co-creator of the Conscious Contracts® model.

### **Very short bio (50 words)**

J. Kim Wright's career has been focused on humanistic, relational approaches in law. From collaborative divorce practice to restorative justice, values-based contracts (and many others), she has practiced, pioneered, and promoted innovative models and ideas. These approaches have collectively come to be known as Integrative Law.

### **Alternative Short Bio (50 words)**

J. Kim Wright began working to transform the legal profession more than 25 years ago. She is an author and contributor to several books and periodicals, including several published by the American Bar Association; co-creator of the Conscious Contracts® movement, and a guiding force in the Integrative Law Movement.

### **Law Professor (~150 words)**

Kim Wright is a Visiting Clinical Professor at Quinnipiac University School of Law. As a legal systems change agent, Professor Wright has a lot of roles and job descriptions. She is co-founder and trainer in the Conscious Contracts® movement and is a pioneer in holistic law, collaborative practice, restorative justice, legal design, therapeutic jurisprudence, plain language, and other cutting-edge approaches. After a dozen years of being a nomad, bringing change, connection, and humanistic innovations on six continents, in 2020 she took her work online.

Professor Wright is also a consultant, connector, and trusted advisor for cutting-edge lawyers, like-minded professionals, and communities around the world. She creates courses, articles, conferences, new approaches, and organizations. Among her publications are three American Bar Association books, and J. Kim Wright, *Integrative Law*, 46 U. W. Austl. L. Rev. (2019).

For more information about Professor Wright and to see more of her books and published works, see <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jkimwright/>.

## **Some bios written by others (with minor edits)**

### **Rhiannon Thomas**

As a legal systems entrepreneur, J. Kim Wright has a lot of roles and job descriptions. Overall, she is about transforming systems, ideas, approaches, locations, and habits in the legal system. She is a connector of cutting-edge lawyers, like-minded professionals, and communities. She creates books, courses, articles, conferences, new approaches, and organizations. She innovates in a legal system which serves lawyers, their clients, and the planet. She teaches lawyers, law students, and entrepreneurs. She is a coach and trusted advisor to clients who are changemakers. After a dozen years of being a nomad, bringing change, connection, and humanistic innovations on six continents, she is one of the space-holders of the integrative law movement.

### **Podcast 1: David Aula**

When people hear Kim's story, she says, they think that she must be at least 100 years old to have done so much. She's not 100 years old.

When Kim went to law school she had seven children at home. Becoming a parent had immediately created for her a sense of responsibility for the future, and for the world in which her kids would grow up. Becoming a foster parent to teens with no place to go - and watching her daughter do everything she could to help out other kids in the community - instilled in Kim a strong sense of what is possible with love.

But she soon discovered that the legal community was populated by what she could only describe as jerks. By graduation she had decided that there was no way she could become a lawyer and stay in integrity with her values. She started working in the charity sector and years passed before she saw a way that law might be a force for good in the world. She met a lawyer at a seminar - his name was Forrest Bayard and he had a mission: to grant dignity to everyone in the legal process and to help divorce become a process that would allow divorcees to co-parent as friends.

Kim decided to follow in his footsteps - she set up a practice in her small town and was an early adopter of mediation and collaborative law. She was one of the first lawyers in the US to have a therapist and a social worker on her staff - but now she'd met Forrest she wanted to seek out the other peacemaker lawyers, the others who were using the law to make a real change to people's lives, in communities and to the environment: she wanted to find the ones seen as weird by their peers but who were being, in Kim's words, "evolutionary and amazing pioneers".

Eventually she sacrificed security and stability - indeed, selling her home and closing her practice - to begin a life on the road, visiting all the places in the world where innovators were making the law more humane. Now, in 2021, with two best-selling American Bar Association published books under her belt, another in the editorial process, she has spent most of lockdown at her mom's house and for the first time in 12 years has stayed in one place for a while. But as we connect over a video sharing platform, I suspect the pandemic has not caused her to 'slow down' for one second.

## **Podcast 2: Geraldine Johns-Putra**

For over 2 decades, J Kim Wright has been an advocate for systems change in the law. She particularly focuses on a set of values and models called Integrative Law.

From the early 2000s, she has attended dozens of events and conferences and studied a number of innovative legal practices: holistic law, therapeutic jurisprudence, law and creative problem-solving, sacred activism, humanising legal education, plain language, PISLAP (the Project for Integrating Spirituality and Law), ADR (alternative dispute resolution), mediation, collaborative law, restorative justice, non-violent communication, and more. In her work, she decided to pull those silo-ed common themes together.

Thirteen years ago, to focus on her mission she gave up her house and law practice and went on the road. She has built relationships and communities on six continents.

Kim has been named by the American Bar Association as a Legal Rebel and has written two bestselling books published by the ABA: *Lawyers as Peacemakers: Practicing Holistic, Problem-Solving Law* and *Lawyers as Changemakers: The Global Integrative Law Movement*.

She is a coach and consultant, a leader in Conscious Contracts®, a speaker and trainer, a lawyer and mediator, and a specialist in systems change. As an author she has another 2 books due to be published soon: *Trauma-Informed Law: A Primer for Lawyers* and *Lawyers as Designers*. She is an educator and adjunct professor and a connector for lawyers all over the world who are changing the paradigm of legal practice. -<https://www.newearthlawyer.com.au/>

## **Andy Brogan's New Radical Podcast**

Kim is a legal systems entrepreneur - transforming the systems, ideas, approaches, and habits that have underpinned the legal system since... well, forever. Although based in the US, Kim's work connects cutting-edge lawyers, like-minded professionals, and communities all over the planet. She writes extensively, teaches law, coaches and advises clients, hosts and mobilises action within the integrative law movement and plays a key role as a co-founder of the Conscious Contracts® process. She's also been known to have a day off!

Kim is a remarkable, inspiring and perfect example of what's possible when we grab hold of our place in the world and don't let go.

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