

Kim Manning

Executive Vice President

Kim Manning caught the writing bug in sixth grade and hasn't looked back since. After graduating with a degree in magazine journalism from the University of Missouri – Columbia (Go Mizzou!), she moved from the family farm to Chicago and started her career as an editorial assistant for a magazine publishing firm.

A brief tenure working in the marketing and communications department for association management firm SmithBucklin was followed by a turn as a managing editor for a food trade magazine. But the stars aligned when Kim read an ad in the *Chicago Tribune* (yes, this was before online job postings) for a boutique PR agency focused on real estate. The rest is history.

Since joining Taylor Johnson as an account executive in 1999, she has moved through the ranks and is now executive vice president. Having worked with hundreds of projects and clients over the years, not to mention all the different local and national reporters that have covered real estate, she never tires of coming up with that next great cover story, TV placement or social media post that will generate buzz. Kim is responsible for helping oversee Taylor Johnson's day-to-day office operations, pursuing new business, supervising account managers, working with the media and overseeing public relations strategies for the firm's clients.

When she's not thinking about real estate, Kim enjoys spending time with her husband (thanks SmithBucklin) and two sons. A fan of pop culture and films, she's attended the Toronto International Film Festival twice and also enjoys binge-watching basically anything Entertainment Weekly suggests, traveling, playing golf and volunteering for her church.