

Kim Pegula is the owner of both the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres.

She became the first female president of both an NHL and NFL team.

Kim has served on the NFL's Super Bowl and Major Events Advisory Committee, Business Ventures Committee, and NFL Foundation Committee. She has also been a member of both the NFL's Workplace Diversity Committee and the NHL's Executive Inclusion Council.

She has served as a keynote speaker at the NFL's Annual Quarterback Coaching Summit, an event to build the coaching and personnel development pipeline and strengthen diversity across the league. She also regularly participated in the NFL's Women's Careers in Football Forum.

On October 8, 2014, Kim and her husband Terry realized a long-time dream when they became only the second owners of the Bills. The Pegulas purchased the Sabres in 2011 and their sports ownership extends to the NLL Buffalo Bandits and the AHL Rochester Americans.

Kim played a major role in helping negotiate the structure of a deal between New York State, Erie County, the National Football League and the Bills for the New Highmark stadium, which officially broke ground in 2023. She also was a key contributor in the design of the new stadium, which is slated to open in 2026.

After owning multiple professional sports teams in the same market, Kim launched Pegula Sports and Entertainment (PSE) in 2014, creating a management company that oversees the business operations across all Pegula-owned entities, including the development and operation LECOM Harborcenter in downtown Buffalo.

PSE helped bring new business opportunities to Buffalo, including multi-year agreements to host the NHL Combine. It has also hosted the 2016 NHL Draft, 2018 World Junior Championships and the 2019 Frozen Four NCAA Men's Hockey Tournament.

Pegula and PSE entities have been honored with a number of awards including Business First's Most Influential People, NYS Emmy Awards for sports content, Buffalo Best Place To Work, the Tank Younger Award for embracing diversity in the NFL, and numerous individual staff recognitions.

Kim and Terry have encouraged the growth of sports in the community. In 2010, the Pegulas gave \$102 million for the creation of the Pegula Ice Arena at Penn State. The facility allowed their hockey program to become a NCAA Division I team and the Big 10 to form an NCAA conference.

Kim supported Houghton College with a gift of \$12 million to build the Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex allowing their athletic department to become a Division III program.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pegulas donated \$1.2 million to various relief efforts in Western New York.

Pegula served on the Board of Directors of Republic Services, Inc., an industry leader in U.S. recycling and non-hazardous solid waste.

## PERSONAL

Born in Seoul, South Korea on June 7, 1969, Kim was adopted at the age of 5 by Ralph and Marilyn Kerr and moved to Fairport, NY, a suburb of Rochester.

She attended nearby Houghton College and graduated in 1991 with a degree in communications. Kim began her professional career with East Resources, Inc. in 1991 and was involved with the company until its sale in 2010.

Terry and Kim have five children: Michael, Laura, Jessica, Kelly and Matthew. Jessica competes on the Women's Tennis Association Tour and was a member of the 2021 US Olympic squad.

On June 7, 2022, Kim suffered a sudden cardiac arrest which has affected her every day life and is currently undergoing long-term physical and occupational therapy. Her family asks for prayers for Kim to assist in her recovery which has been lengthy but steady.

## THE STAMPEDE

Favorite sports memory as a fan: Bills comeback win vs.

Houston in 1993

First job: Working as a hostess at Kopper Keg in Cuba, NY

Favorite hobby: Baking

Favorite musical artist: Whitney Houston

Favorite movie: Grease
Favorite vacation spot: Italy