

# Julie Kent

## interiors

*Interior Designers & Project Coordinators*

B.I.D.A.

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**Julie Kent**

**Julie Kent B.I.D.A. founded Julie Kent Interiors in 1980 following her interior design training in London. One of her first projects was Design Assistant at The Theatre Royal, Bath, in the same street that she launched her studio and showrooms. Julie soon headed a team of designers undertaking projects from show homes, offices, shops, restaurants and boutique hotels, specialising in period refurbishments around the West Country and London. Homes abroad have also included a house in Washington and a penthouse apartment in New York and chalets in Switzerland.**

### **Project Management & Project Co-ordinator**

Julie has worked with leading architects, property developers, hoteliers, builders and surveyors and has gained a wealth of experience in co-ordinating the interiors from the initial brief with the architect, working with local planners, liaising with builders, sub-contractors and specialist trades. Often planning and supervising new joinery details through to organising or recommending the garden landscaping; taking the ‘hassle factor’ out of the often-daunting job of project and site management for on behalf of the client.

Over the last 26 years, the business has built up a loyal team of decorators, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, cabinet and furniture makers and curtain makers. Rarely is a job too small or too big! Julie also works with other specialist designers and has often been involved with designing the graphics; logos and themes. Fun commercial projects have even included a nightclub and, following the birth of her daughter, launched her own label ‘Kent & Carey’, the classic children’s wear collection and won “Best Newcomer” in 1992. This followed supplying leading stores including Harrods, Harvey Nichols, Selfridges and her own children’s clothing shops, being nominated and awarded runner up for the “Best Childrenswear shop, UK”.

### **Education & Qualifications**

Millfield School, Somerset, 1976; Lucy Clayton College; Business/secretarial Studies, 1977

Bath Technical College; Business Studies.

Inchbald School of Design, College, London; 10 week course & One year course in Architectural Interior Design. Diploma obtained 1980. I.S.I.D. Professional Membership (International) 1987. Fellow of I.D.D.A. 1997 (now BIDA). BIDA Board Member 2005/06

Short course KLC design (CAD)

Short courses & CPD lectures include; Graphic & exhibition design, Smart Home/AV & lighting design, fine arts & antiques, soft furnishings, project/site management.

Julie has also lectured in interior design and decorating (guest lectures)

## Services offered

- Analysing client brief & schedule of pc sums (provisional costs & budgets)
- Detailed survey of premises or rooms (if required)
- Preparing detailed estimates, co-ordinating costs & competitive quotes from builders, sub-contractors, furnishers & specialist trades
- Preparing schedules; e.g. decoration, wall & floor finishes, fixtures & fittings, lighting
- Preparing storyboards/sample boards of finishes
- 1: 50 Furniture layouts, including radiator positions, electrical & lighting layouts etc
- Bathroom layouts 1:20 scale showing sanitary ware, shower details, joinery details, tiling & mirror layouts/elevations etc for builders to work to
- Colour schemes; furniture & soft furnishings
- Advising clients on 'design & development' and 'buy to let' potential for long term investments

## Travel & Trends

The business has taken Julie to the USA, India and Europe. Sourcing products and suppliers is an important part of the role of a designer and Julie tries to visit the Paris & New York trade shows once or twice a year, keeping abreast with current design & architectural trends.

## New Showroom & Our Suppliers

Our new showroom which was converted by us from an old bank, opened in February 2007 showing styled room sets from kitchen displays and even a bathroom and wet room display in the old bank vault! Trade suppliers include, Turnell & Gigon, Colefax & Fowler, Andrew Martin, Zoffany, Osborne & Little, Vaughn, Porta Romana, Marvic, Designers Guild to name but a few. Julie's trade contacts over the last 26 years have proved invaluable to a client, where often trade discounts can be passed on to the customer, from wallcoverings and fabrics to kitchens and bathrooms.

## Consultants & sub contractors

Julie has built up an excellent address book of joiners, furniture makers, antique dealers, restorers, decorators, curtain makers and craftspeople from lampshade makers to French polishers both locally, London and Nationally.

**Julie Kent** BIDA (Fellow) is a trained qualified interior designer, employing sub-contractors & other 'professional consultants' part time or on a contract basis. For larger projects including hotels, JKI has a team of other freelance designers, architects, structural engineers, building surveyors & stylists who Julie often works with. We offer a full drawing survey through to working CAD drawings for clients and builders to work from.

## Fee structure

**Our first site visit** or meeting with a new client in the UK within is **no charge**. Julie Kent is a Fellow member of the B.I.D.A. (British Interior Designers Association) and a past BIDA Board Director. BIDA web site; [www.bida.org](http://www.bida.org) for information on our professional association. Fee structure available upon request.

## Referrals & Press coverage

References from clients available upon request. Julie has had various press coverage over the years, from Architectural Digest, Vogue, Daily Mail and most recently 'Kitchen, Bedrooms & Bathrooms' and "25 Beautiful Homes" copies of the press articles are available to view on our web site.

## Photographs & Portfolio

Julie's portfolio spans over 26 years from hotels & offices to private homes – we would be pleased to show you our portfolio and photographs of our projects. Please see page 3 for a summary of some of these jobs & we would be pleased to email you any photographs, you may be interested in.

## Professional Experience (Brief summary of just a few projects undertaken 1982-20067)

### Commercial & Residential Projects

- *Theatre Royal, Bath* – design assistant, including the Star dressing rooms and the public bars & 1805 Clubrooms when the Theatre was refurbished in 1980.
- *Chikako's, Bath* – Japanese restaurant for the Theatre Royal
- *Beechfield House Hotel, nr Lacock*, refurbished this Country House hotel throughout including restaurants and bedrooms in the 1980's.
- *Combe Grove Manor Country House Hotel, Bath* (now Cannons Group) 1989– for Ron & Helen Clarke first phase refurbishment of the old manor house, including 12 luxury bedrooms and bathrooms, reception rooms, restaurant and wine bar.
- *Camden Hill Court, Kensington, London* – Interior designer/project manager; major refurbishment of communal areas of this well known period mansion block. Various apartments for private clients.
- *Bath Rock, Bath – John Thamm (Blakney Group Hotel)* nightclub & restaurants, from concept, name, logo to complete design of club including bars and dance floor.
- **(Blakney Group Hotel)** various design consultancy projects in London & the Bath area in the 1980's.
- *Café Rene*, Café & restaurant in Shires Yard, Bath.
- *Intercapital Brokers PLC*, interior design of boardroom & offices. See later.
- *Kent & Carey, London*, Founder of Designer Childrenswear shops around central London & runner up for 'Best Childrenswear Store' 1999. All three shops were designed by Julie Kent.
- *St Catherine's Court, Bath* – Interior design & decorating, including the nursery wing, library & master bedroom suite for the **actress Jane Seymour**.
- *Chase Homes (South West)* – 04 worked on conversions of refurbished Grade 2 listed buildings & various New Build homes, specifying all interior finishes.
- *Porch House, Castle Combe* – 03. Grade 2 listed, 4 bedroom house, in this famous & historical listed village. Interior design & project management for whole house from new kitchen & bathrooms, new floorings to sourcing antiques, rugs, pictures and furnishings.
- *Spital Meend, Nr Chepstow* – Project Management & full interior design service, of a 6 bedroom family home, dating from early 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Completion July 04.
- *Family Home Nr Tunbridge Wells, Kent* – Full interior design service for 5 bedroom family home, including 'Media & Cinema Room', new kitchen, bathrooms & wet rooms. Completion 06.
- **IPG Publishing, London** –Head Office, WC1 - refurbishing communal areas.
- **For Michael Spencer, CEO of ICAP, 1, Central Park, New York** – 3 bedroom contemporary apartment on 73<sup>rd</sup> floor overlooking Central Park. Interior decoration & furnishings – completion 05.
- Private grade 1 & grade 2 listed period homes in the South West.

For further enquiries, please telephone Julie Kent or Jackie Pollock on 01249 715222 or visit our (constantly changing) web site [www.juliekentinteriors.com](http://www.juliekentinteriors.com)