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Wells Fargo Restructuring Banker Deirdre McGuinness Leaves

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Deirdre McGuinness, a [Wells Fargo](#) banker specializing in restructurings and a former Justice Department watchdog for large corporate bankruptcy cases, is leaving the bank to help run a claims-agent firm.

McGuinness, 52 years old, will be managing director of corporate restructuring services at Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, a company that works with law firms on anything from pre-filing preparations to final distributions after a plan is approved in bankruptcy court. She plans to help grow “KCC” as it’s known and contribute to strategic partnerships.

KCC, based in El Segundo, Calif., also provides case-specific websites to house court dockets for major bankruptcy cases and develops communication strategies to advise creditors and stock and bondholders on reorganization plans. The closely held company, owned by investor services firm Computershare, employs more than 200 people.

“I’m working on ... how to differentiate us from our competitors and how to liaison with the court system to give KCC that 360-degree view,” McGuinness said.

McGuinness served as managing director of Wells Fargo Capital Finance since Jan. 2008, originating restructuring finance and capital markets services to corporate clients, including chemical maker [LyondellBasell Industries](#), grocer A&P and textbook publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishers.

Among other prior roles, McGuinness was a U.S. Trustee, one of many Justice Department representatives charged with monitoring corporate bankruptcy cases. She oversaw the administration of cases including [Delphi Corp.](#) [Delta Air Lines](#) and St. Vincent’s Medical Center. She also spent nearly a decade as a federal prosecutor in Connecticut representing federal agencies in bankruptcy court.

Part of McGuinness’s new role also includes growing KCC’s technology offerings. In the last year it developed an iPhone and iPad application that allows users to access case data, industry news and bankruptcy-specific legal resources.