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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS



KAREN BELL

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

OWNERSEDGE

OwnersEdge is an ESOP holding company that has expanded rapidly since it was established in 2014. Executive administrator Karen Bell has been instrumental in creating, leading, managing and implementing strategic initiatives, new programs, processes and systems across the company and its four geographically dispersed affiliate companies since 2016, according to her boss, chief executive officer Lisa Reardon.

Bell handles a large scope of responsibility in a fun, friendly, graceful, organized and professional manner, Reardon said.

"She's hungry to learn and eagerly takes on projects where she has little to no previous experience," Reardon said.

Bell reports directly to Reardon and also supports the CFO, CHRO and two executive VPs. She leads two executive assistants and created a centralized admin services group to ensure consistency among all companies.

She is the director of internships and established relationships with area colleges and universities to recruit interns and develop a talent pipeline for future hires. In 2019 and 2020, she managed two expansions of QComp Technologies, including a 10,000-square-foot production facility addition. She's currently the lead project manager for a \$250,000, 12,000-square-foot technology showcase for Baycom and CC&N.



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