

**Sandra McCraren**  
**Senior Managing Director**  
**Wintrust Franchise Services**

Sandy has worked in the banking industry for over 30 years with the majority of that time specializing in Franchise Finance. From 1986 through November 2001 she worked for several banking organizations through several mergers including First National Bank of Highland Park, a US Ameribancs, NBD Corporation, First Chicago/American National Bank and Bank One. Joining Wintrust in November 2001 as President of Highland Park Bank & Trust, a branch of Lake Forest Bank & Trust Company, N.A., Sandy established a Branch and a Bank presence for Wintrust in Highland Park, IL. Concurrently she founded the franchise finance lending group and built a franchise loan portfolio leveraging her expertise in that specialty lending space. Currently she is Senior Managing Director of Wintrust Franchise Finance, a growing niche lending business under the Wintrust umbrella. In her role she provides oversight and strategy for the franchise lending team, as well as expertise in structuring transactions and managing relationships.

Sandy received a BA degree in Economics from the University of Illinois.

Sandy lives in Highland Park, IL with her husband, Bob. They have three children.