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Mike Sabbatis is leaving the position of CCH President & CEO, and Karen Abramson will succeed him, effective September 2012.

Sabbatis joined CCH in 2002 as the vice president of business development, then served as global executive vice president of sales and marketing, before becoming President & CEO in 2007.

In sharing the news, Sabbatis said, "With CCH's solid strategy, customer-focused organization and market leadership in place, I believe that the business is positioned for great success. I also believe that the time is right for me to pursue the professional interest I have in continuing to advance as a business leader by broadening my experience across industries."

Kevin Robert commended Sabbatis for his efforts in helping to lead the transformation of the CCH business over the past several years, with innovative new services and solutions, and wished him great continued success. "As a result of Mike's leadership, and our strong teams of leaders and employees, CCH is well positioned to serve our customers better than ever. With our organization, vision and unique ability to help professionals advance their business, we're ready to take CCH and our customers to the next level of success," Robert said.

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Highly focused on customer needs, Abramson created new revenue growth by driving deep customer engagement across the business and developing innovative online and mobile solutions.

She joined Wolters Kluwer in 2000. At Wolters Kluwer Health, Abramson led the development and delivery of aggregated, customizable electronic research information for the medical, healthcare and academic markets. She introduced both new revenue models and innovative product offerings, including continuous workflow enhancements to the unit's online research platform, Ovid and digital publishing and advertising solutions that leverage mobility to enhance the Lippincott Williams & Wilkins society and journal member and subscriber services.

"I'm truly honored to join this exceptional organization," said Abramson. "CCH is a global leader, with a longstanding history of excellence in serving professionals with highly trusted information and software solutions. Based on the company's strong customer focus, significant investment and ongoing innovation in the market, I'm very excited to be part of the team. There are great things ahead for CCH and its customers."

Prior to joining Wolters Kluwer Health, Abramson served as Vice President and General Manager of CT Corsearch, a division of Wolters Kluwer Corporate Legal Services. Under her leadership, CT Corsearch revolutionized the trademark review process with electronic workflow solutions, consistently delivered double-digit growth, significantly increased market share and achieved the highest quality and customer satisfaction rates in the history of the business. Before her tenure at Wolters Kluwer, Abramson was Vice President of Operations at MemberWorks, Inc. In addition, she held various leadership positions with the Thomson Corporation, including Vice President of Production Services and Director of Quality Management at the Thomson Tax & Accounting and Research Institute of America (RIA) divisions.

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