



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, GMI Engineering & Management Institute

Master of Science, Manufacturing and Industrial Systems, GMI Engineering & Management Institute

Master of Business Administration, Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Certified Turnaround Professional (CTP)

Inventor – Holds three U.S. patents and several trade secrets

Author – Published four Harvard Business School case studies and several articles on the automotive industry and corporate restructuring

Member, Turnaround Management Association

WILLIAM J. WILDERN IV, CTP

William Wildern is the Founder and CEO of Farmington Hills-based HYDRA Professionals, LLC, a premier business advisory firm that supports businesses in transition.

Prior to founding HYDRA, he was Managing Director of the Detroit Office for Resilience Capital Partners, where he specialized in the distressed automotive and manufacturing supplier space. In this capacity, he assessed investment opportunities, managed purchase and sale transactions of portfolio companies, and advised portfolio companies on sound strategies for recovery and growth.

Prior to joining Resilience, Mr. Wildern spent five years with the Southfield, MI based corporate advisory firm BBK, Ltd. As a Managing Director, he led a team of corporate turnaround professionals that provided strategic and financial consulting services to automotive OEMs and Tier I suppliers with production continuity concerns caused by distressed suppliers. During his tenure at BBK, he managed the restructuring, sale or wind down of more than 50 automotive suppliers.

Mr. Wildern began his career with General Motors Corporation, where he spent 13 years in various roles including product engineering, manufacturing engineering, portfolio planning, advanced technology vehicles, and corporate treasury.