

## **Robert M. Tarola, CPA, CGMA**



Mr. Tarola is President of Right Advisory LLC – a firm he co-founded in 2008 to offer business betterment services based on his diverse experience. His firm focuses on turnaround or troubled situations often taking fiduciary positions and related risk to effectuate an improvement plan. He has extensive experience in the board room and c-suite of large companies, and has deep knowledge of industrial, consumer products, healthcare, education and investment management businesses.

Mr. Tarola has been responsible for improvement initiatives across a wide range of financial and operating functions – from financial management to revenue cycle to supply chain to strategic positioning. His leadership has benefited clients by adding needed discipline to better understand business dynamics and risks. He has implemented and used major technology platforms such as SAP, Epic, Meditech, Athena, Oracle, PeopleSoft and Lawson.

Currently, Mr. Tarola serves as a director of public mutual funds sponsored by Legg Mason, Inc., a director of Vista Outdoor, Inc. (NYSE: VSTO), board chair of XBRL International, Inc. and immediate past board chair of The American Kidney Fund. He is member of the Investor Advisory Group of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and the Dean’s Council for Temple University’s Fox School of Business. He is an audit committee financial expert.

He is a former Chief Financial Officer of W. R. Grace & Co. (1999-2008) (NYSE: GRA), MedStar Health, Inc. (1996-1999), The Howard University (2009-2013), Southcoast Health System (2014-2017), Little Company of Mary Healthcare (2018), and Covenant Health (2019) - all large organizations with complex operations. The positions with Howard University, Southcoast Health, Little Company of Mary Healthcare and Covenant Health were under contractual agreements to provide financial and operational improvement services and consulting.

Prior to becoming a CFO, Mr. Tarola was a Partner with Price Waterhouse LLP. During his twenty-two year tenure with Price Waterhouse, he served in a variety of capacities, including regional managing partner for a strategic industry segment, a partner in its National SEC Services Group and an engagement partner for major client accounts.

Mr. Tarola is a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Global Management Accountant. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Temple University where he chaired the Advisory Board to the President of the University. He is a recipient of the Musser Award for Excellence in Alumni Leadership from Temple’s Fox School of Business and has been named one of its Top 100 Graduates in its first 100 years.