

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois, BS
- University of Notre Dame, MBA

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Risk Management
- Risk and Control Assessment
- Control Testing and Validation
- Technology Risk Assessment
- Third Party Assurance Reporting

William Harrington

Consultant

William Harrington (Bill) is a seasoned audit, risk, and controls executive with more than three decades' experience in the financial services industry. Having led internal audit globally for a financial services firm and served as a Partner at PwC, Bill brings clients an insider's understanding of controls from both the audited organization's side and the auditor's.

Bill assesses, strengthens, and reports on internal controls with the credibility that boards, regulators, and third parties expect. His expertise spans the full assurance spectrum, from external and internal audit to technology risk and operational resilience. This breadth allows him to connect financial controls, information security, and business continuity into a single, coherent view of an organization's risk.

Prior to joining Tölt Strategies, Bill served as Managing Director and Global Head of Internal Audit for R.J. O'Brien & Associates, where he was responsible for delivering the Internal Audit plan across Chicago, London, Dubai, Paris, and Singapore. He also chaired the firm's Technology Risk Committee, providing a direct line of sight into technology risk areas including information security and operational resilience.

From 2015 to 2019, Bill was a Partner in Risk and Controls at FGMK, LLC, where he led the delivery of risk and controls services to the financial services sector, including internal audit, System and Organization Controls (SOC) reporting, and cybersecurity. He also established the firm's Internal Audit practice, a line of service FGMK had not previously offered to clients.

Earlier, Bill served as a Partner in the Risk Assurance practice of PwC in Chicago. There he served clients from both external and internal audit perspectives and delivered SOC reporting for organizations seeking to provide third-party assurance to their stakeholders. He also led IT security assessments, provided business continuity and disaster recovery planning services, and served as a Sarbanes-Oxley specialist for organizations preparing for their annual Section 404 attestation.

Bill has served on the Board of Directors of the ISACA Chicago Chapter and the Board of the Risk Management Association in Chicago. He also served on two advisory boards for the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business: one for the Accounting department and one for the IT, Analytics, and Operations department.

Bill holds several certifications in risk and controls, including Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT), and Certified in Risk and Information Systems Controls (CRISC).