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Matthew A. Feldman

The Yale Program on Financial Stability (YPFS) contacted Matt Feldman by email to request an interview regarding Feldman's time as the Chief Legal Advisor to the Department of Treasury on the Obama Administration's Task Force on the Auto Industry, established in the aftermath of the financial crisis of 2007-09. The 12-member, bipartisan Task Force on the Auto Industry was charged with resolving the bankruptcies and establishing the institutional restructuring of Chrysler, GM, GMAC, and Delphi. The Auto Task Force worked 18-hour days, six days a week for over five months from March 2009 through July 2009 to swiftly negotiate with the corporate leadership, unions, investors, and stakeholders, to restructure and save the auto industry and millions of jobs in the United States.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner presented Feldman with the Secretary's Honor Award, for his "distinguished service to the American people as the Chief Legal Advisor to the Department of Treasury Auto Team." Feldman returned to Wilkie, Farr and Gallagher and is currently Co-Chairman of the firm, Managing Partner of the firm's Washington office, member of the firm's Executive Committee, and partner and Co-Chair of the Business Reorganization & Restructuring Department.

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