

# TECHNOLOGIST OF DISTINCTION

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## Kimberly S. Williams

B.S. Industrial Engineering Technology,  
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Kim Williams is the Vice President of Manufacturing -Calsonic Kansei North America. Williams is responsible for the operations of CKNA's US manufacturing sites located in Shelbyville, Lewisburg, and Smyrna, TN as well as Canton, MS. CKNA is a leading supplier of products for Nissan, Subaru, and Mitsubishi, and Mrs. Williams makes use of metric management to oversee safety, quality, operations, delivery and new model launch at her plants. In April 2010, Mrs. Williams joined the company as Plant Manager of Exhaust, Stamping, and Heat Exchange Manufacturing plants; she was subsequently named Vice President of Manufacturing in January 2013.

Prior to joining CKNA, Williams spent 16 years in a variety of manufacturing roles starting at General Motors Powertrain in Spring Hill, TN. At GM, her responsibilities included Quality Engineering, Compliance Management, Service/Campaign Engineering, New Product Launch, and Manufacturing Management. Following General Motors, she managed a privately owned business for 2 years, which provided painting and powder coating of automotive and major appliance industry components.

Mrs. Williams is currently Co-President of Southern Automotive Women's Forum, a non-profit, professional organization dedicated to promoting the personal and professional advancement of women in the automotive industry who are located in the southern regions of the United States and includes members of all major OEM's, suppliers and service industries. The organization has raised several thousand dollars to award scholarships to young ladies pursuing technical degrees, in the hopes they will pursue employment in the automotive industry.

Williams earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering Technology from Tennessee Technological University, as well as a Master of Science degree in Manufacturing Management from Kettering University.

Kim was born February 11, 1972. She has been married to Marty for 19 years, who was also her childhood sweetheart. They have 3 children, 2 daughters and a son. Hobbies include watching her children play softball and riding horses in the hills of Tennessee.

She is passionate about working in the automotive industry and has always had a love of automobiles and horsepower; and enjoys her 1972 restored Corvette!