



Seven Associates Join Williams Mullen's Richmond Office

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RICHMOND, VA - Williams Mullen announces that seven attorneys have joined the firm's Richmond office as associates. They include John M. Erbach, Matthew P. Groh, Elinor Hindsley, Andrew O. Mathews, R. Joseph Noble, W. Wilhelm Rabke and Jamie L. Watkins.

John Erbach focuses his practice on mass tort and complex litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Erbach served as an intern in the Supreme Court of Virginia where he reviewed petitions for appeal in criminal and civil appellate cases. He also served as an intern in the Office of Attorney General of Virginia where he helped assistant attorneys general defend criminal convictions from reversal on appeal by providing research and draft appellate briefs. Mr. Erbach received his juris doctor, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Richmond School of Law. While in law school, he received the CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Civil Procedure, Advanced Trial Advocacy, and Copyright Law. He also was president of the Federalist Society and vice president of the Client Counseling and Negotiation Board. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the College of William and Mary.

Matt Groh focuses his practice on complex and general litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Groh worked in the Executive Office of the President in Political Affairs and Presidential Personnel. He also served as personal aide and advance agent to Cabinet Secretaries Mel Martinez and Alphonso Jackson at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Groh received a bachelor of arts degree from Princeton University and a juris doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. While in law school, Mr. Groh was a member of the Student Bar Association, Virginia Journal of Social Policy & the Law, and served as notes development editor for the *Virginia Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*.

Ellie Hindsley focuses her practice on employee benefits. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Hindsley served as a legal intern at a public interest law organization, Civil Justice Inc. During her third year of law school she was an intern at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Virginia and prosecuted federal cases in U.S. Magistrate Court. Ms. Hindsley received her juris doctor degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law. While in law school, Ms. Hindsley served as an editor of the *Washington and Lee Environmental Law Digest*. She also volunteered as an income tax assistant with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. She was also a member of the Labor and Employment Law Mock Trial Team which won the semi-finals at the American

Bar Association's regional competition in Washington, DC. Ms. Hindsley graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree from Washington and Lee University.

Andy Mathews focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation matters. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Mathews was a financial consultant at Smith Barney and sold insurance and annuities with Genworth Financial. He received his juris doctor, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Richmond School of Law. While in law school, he was a member of the *University of Richmond Law Review*. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest University.

Joey Noble focuses his practice on all aspects of commercial real estate. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Noble worked as a legal assistant at a real estate law firm in Charlottesville, Va. and served as an intern in the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia where he worked on numerous projects. He received his juris doctor degree from William & Mary School of Law. While in law school, Mr. Noble was recognized for excellence in research, writing, analysis, and client relations and worked as an articles editor on the *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal*. He also was honored with the Benjamin Rush Scholar Award for a research paper he wrote on health law. He graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in economics from the University of Virginia.

Will Rabke focuses his practice on complex business matters such as deal structures, transaction strategy and strategic planning. Prior to law school, Mr. Rabke founded and managed a specialty electrical contracting company for nearly 10 years. As a former small business owner, he brings a unique perspective to the practice of law. Mr. Rabke received his juris doctor degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Richmond School of Law. While in law school, he served on the staff of the *Journal of Law and Technology*, as a student member of the John Marshall American Inn of Court, and on the executive boards of the Client Counseling and Negotiation Board, the VBA Law School Council and the Student Bar Association. Prior to graduation, Mr. Rabke was elected to serve on the law school's Young Graduates' Council. He earned a bachelor of arts degree, *cum laude*, from Hampden-Sydney College, where he was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa.

Jamie Watkins focuses her practice on banking and real estate matters. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Watkins worked as a legal assistant in Washington, DC where she conducted legal research and prepared materials for depositions. She received her juris doctor from the College of William & Mary School of Law. While in law school, Ms. Watkins was recognized for excellence in research, writing, analysis, and client relations. She also served as a Graduate Research Fellow and an articles editor for the *William & Mary Journal of Woman and the Law*. She graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree from Washington & Lee University.

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