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Elizabeth Rafferty is a director of government relations in Williams Mullen's Richmond office. As a member of the firm's Government Relations Team, Elizabeth provides lobbying services to businesses, associations and individuals before Virginia's legislative and executive branches of government, including state agencies and boards.

Elizabeth works with clients to develop proactive advocacy strategies, provide policy guidance, ensure client messaging is appropriately targeted and provide direction and advice to clients regarding communication with government officials, key stakeholders and legislators.

Elizabeth serves on the Board of Virginia Clean Cities and was appointed to the Hanover County Economic Development Authority (EDA) to a four-year team in May 2020.

Prior to joining Williams Mullen, Elizabeth was the policy and legislative director at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). While at DHCD, Elizabeth also worked as an advisor for community development for the Secretary of Commerce and Trade in Governor Terry McAuliffe's administration. She oversaw four agencies within the Commerce and Trade Secretariat — the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Virginia Housing Development Authority.

Elizabeth is the founder of River City Stars, Inc., a nonprofit competitive cheerleading program for children with special needs in Central Virginia.

Elizabeth earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the College of William & Mary and she

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Practice Areas

- Government Relations
- Economic Development
- Gaming Industry

Education

- American University (M.S.)
Justice and Public Policy
- William & Mary (B.A.)