

Practice Areas
• Real Estate
• Zoning, Land Use & Development
Education

• William & Mary Law School, J.D., 2022

- William & Mary Law School, M.P.P., 2022
- George Mason University, B.S., 2017

Bar Admissions
District of Columbia

Affiliations

Washington Bar Association

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Madeline advises property owners, developers, architects, and engineers on zoning and land use issues in the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. Madeline regularly counsels clients on zoning and land use issues ranging from site acquisitions, development options, and transfers of development rights to preparing zoning and building code compliance memorandums, including drafting and negotiating easement agreements as well as restrictive declarations.

Before joining Cozen O'Connor, Madeline participated in the firm's summer associate program in 2020 and 2021, where she conducted legal research and drafted memoranda for a variety of practices including white collar crime, state attorneys general, aviation, zoning, and pro bono matters. She also served as a Bolin Fellow of the National Center for State Courts, Research Division.

Madeline earned her dual law/Master of Public Policy degree from William & Mary Law School and her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from George Mason University.

#### Experience

Secured approval, by an 8-1 vote, for the rezoning of a 12-acre plot in Fairfax County, Va., for industrial use. The matter was highly contentious, with 23 community members appearing at a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors to oppose the client's application, centering on a 75-megawatt data center spanning 402,000 square feet.



