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Sharon is a Senior Manager in EY's Financial Accounting Advisory Services ("FAAS") practice. Sharon has over 14 years of experience providing technical accounting support in accordance with US GAAP, with a particular focus on capital market transactions. She has assisted with the set-up of Accounting & Financial Reporting functions for newly public companies resulting from complex transactions such as tax-free spin and simultaneous mergers, and mergers with special purpose acquisitions companies. She started her professional services career in 2008 with EY. She completed a rotation with EY's National Professional Practice focusing on consolidation matters, accounting for income taxes, discontinued operations, and fresh start accounting, among other topics. As part of EY's National Profession Practice, Sharon provided interpretative guidance to audit clients and engagement teams. She co-authored EY's thought leadership, including several Financial Reporting Development and Technical Line publications. Sharon holds a B.B.A. in Accounting from The College of William and Mary, and is a CPA. She resides in Cary, NC with her husband and son.



Liam Cashel '18

Manager
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Katherine Covino '12

Senior Manager
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Katherine Covino, CPA, is a Senior Manager at a Big Four organization working in its Regulatory & Legal Support group. Over her 12+ years in Big Four Consulting, she has consulted clients on a variety of topics including fraud and investigations, regulatory compliance, financial distress and corporate restructuring, and execution of key performance indicators (KPIs). Ms. Covino evolves in her versatile consulting career by looking for strategic disruptors – the next technology, threat, and white space. Currently, she is a leader in her organization's program integrity practice - driving business development with solutions (including AI and Generative AI) to detect fraud, waste, and abuse and advising clients on regulatory transformation. In addition to driving business development and growth, Ms. Covino also leads a number of teams executing and delivering impactful consulting solutions and projects to clients. Prior to joining the Big Four organization, Ms. Covino earned her B.B.A. from William & Mary in 2012 with an accounting major, finance concentration, and history minor. Ms. Covino lives in Washington, DC with her husband, Martin Feeney ('09), and daughter, Elle.



Scott Gehsmann '84

Retired Partner, Transaction Services
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Scott served as a Transaction Services Capital Markets partner for over 25 years, dedicated to providing advisory services related to the accounting, financial reporting, and regulatory aspects of capital market transactions. He advised on over one hundred IPOs and has extensive experience with debt offerings, carve-outs, spin-offs, acquisitions and other transaction related matters. Scott has worked with companies in a variety of industry sectors and has extensive experience working with private equity, having led the PwC Private Equity Sector National Assurance Program. Scott spent ten years with PwC living and working overseas and served two terms on the PwC Board of Partners. A Certified Public Accountant, Scott is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York and New Jersey State Societies of Certified Public Accountants. Scott received his MBA from Manchester University in England. He speaks Swedish and Norwegian.

Scott and his wife Maiken live in Morristown, NJ, and have four children. Scott's children Fredrik ('18) and Maiken ('26) attended the College, a Finance and Accounting major, respectively. Scott's sisters, Kori ('91) and Karleen ('93), also attended W&M. Scott and his family make it a point to attend the W&M events they are invited to.



Ann Marie Higgins '06

Partner
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Ann Marie Higgins (class of '06) is a Partner in the Financial Accounting Advisory Services practice of Ernst & Young LLP. She has over 17 years of industry experience providing services to a variety of financial services clients including multi-banks, broker-dealer organizations, and exchanges. She began her career in New York City, spent two years in Zurich, Switzerland as part of EY's global exchange program, and currently works in the Atlanta office. In her various roles at EY, she has coordinated some of the company's largest and most complex global financial services engagements including UBS, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (ICE) and the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) where she helped complete an \$11 billion acquisition. She has extensive knowledge in business combinations, consolidation, debt refinancing, derivatives, hedging and IPO preparation. Away from work, Ann Marie is happily married to a fellow William and Mary alumni (class of '05) with two sweet little boys. She is a passionate world traveler, avid book reader, and enjoys spending time with family and friends.



Klaudyna Kasztelaniec '09

Associate Partner
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Lauren Kroepfl '21

Structured Finance Senior
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Lauren is an associate within Ernst & Young's Structured Finance Advisory Services in New York. She is primarily responsible for securitized product valuation across all asset classes, mainly for clients' most thinly traded positions. Lauren also serves as a structurer for EY's Asset-Backed Securities subgroup. She works with Clients and investment banks to model bond cashflows and perform collateral due diligence on new-issue deals going to market. Lauren earned a BBA in Finance with a minor in economics from William & Mary, graduating magna cum laude. She also competed as a three-season athlete for the Tribe XC and Track & Field programs.



Andrew Luchs '22

Senior Analyst
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Andrew is a Senior Analyst at Accenture Federal Services based in Washington, DC. In this role he has worked as a dashboard developer for the Departmental Administration of the US Department of Agriculture. He has advised clients in data visualization and human capital analysis to improve the federal employee experience. Andrew graduated with a BA in International Relations, and a minor in Data Science.



Chris Maher '79

Retired Principal

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Chris retired from EY as a senior advisor where he consulted clients on regulatory reform, risk management and finance transformation. He serves on the board of Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank (U.S.A.) Limited - a subsidiary of the Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited of Japan. He has assisted the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Commodity Futures Trading Commission as an expert witness. He was seconded to the International Monetary Fund on a technical assistance mission to advise the State Central Bank of Turkmenistan while he was with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Chris is an active volunteer with Scouts BSA focusing on youth leadership development. Chris earned his BBA in Management from William & Mary.



Taylor C. Robertson '23

Associate

Boston Consulting Group

Taylor C. Robertson is an associate at Boston Consulting Group based in Washington, D.C. As a first-year associate, Taylor has been heavily client-facing, working in the consumer packaged goods industry, traveling internationally and domestically most weeks since starting in January of 2024, and has focused on revenue growth, pricing strategy, and promotions strategy. Prior to BCG, Taylor had one summer consulting internship at a smaller company, SC&H. Taylor graduated magna cum laude from William and Mary in May 2023 with a BBA in Finance and a minor in Creative Writing.



David Welch '97

Retired Senior Partner and Managing Director

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David retired from the Washington, DC office of the Boston Consulting group in 2024 as a Senior Partner and Managing Director. Before retiring, David was the global leader for the People and Organizations topic in the Retail Sector. In this capacity David advised clients and team on issues of productivity, talent, leadership, and organizational design. Additionally, David served as the leader of BCG North America's Career Development function