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## **Former Assistant Secretary of Energy Joins Van Ness Feldman**

*Lisa Epifani to advise clients on energy policy, renewable fuels, nuclear energy, and other issues*

**Washington, DC** – Van Ness Feldman is pleased to announce that Lisa Epifani has joined the firm’s Washington office as Of Counsel. Having spent the last decade in key governmental and private sector roles, she exemplifies Van Ness Feldman’s tradition of providing clients with substantive regulatory and policy expertise and outstanding client service.

Most recently, Ms. Epifani served in the Bush administration as Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). As DOE’s lead contact with Congressional Members and staff, Ms. Epifani promoted the Administration’s energy policies and negotiated positions on appropriations and authorization bills like the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Further, she worked closely with DOE program offices, such as the Loan Guarantee Program office, to coordinate agency decisions and goals. Ms. Epifani also served at the White House as a Special Assistant to the President on the National Economic Council. Before her Administration tenure, she was a lead Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee staffer for then-Chairman Domenici and worked on key provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Ms. Epifani also practiced energy law at a major DC firm.

With a background that traverses the full spectrum of energy issues - including infrastructure siting, the expansion of renewable and nuclear power, energy efficiency, oil and gas policy, and renewable fuels - Ms. Epifani will assist clients in developing sound energy policies with a keen awareness of the political realities that face the industry.

“We are extremely fortunate to have Lisa join our team. She is a talented attorney who will bring great skill, experience and insight to our electricity, natural gas, biofuels, and public policy practices,” said Curt Rich, Van Ness Feldman’s Public Policy Practice Coordinator.

Ms. Epifani, 37, holds a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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