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Van Ness Feldman Bolsters Transportation, Litigation, Nuclear Practice Capabilities with Arrival of Michael McBride

Washington, DC – Van Ness Feldman, P.C. is pleased to announce that Michael McBride has joined the firm as a member. McBride, 56, has significant experience representing rail shippers in contract negotiations as well as in regulatory and litigation matters before the Surface Transportation Board (STB). He is also experienced with nuclear waste transportation and disposal issues, traditional and nuclear energy project licensing, and related regulatory proceedings. He also has represented numerous clients successfully in complex energy and environmental litigation. He joins the firm from the Washington office of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP.

Howard Feldman, Van Ness Feldman's Chairman, said "We are delighted to welcome Mike to the firm. Many of us have worked with Mike over the years, and we believe that our energy, transportation, manufacturing, and trade association clients will benefit greatly from his transportation capabilities, as well as his expertise with complex energy and environmental litigation, nuclear licensing, and other matters."

McBride is a former President of the Association of Transportation Law Professionals. His experience with transportation matters includes representing BP Amoco Chemical Company in the first formal small-shipment rate challenge before the STB; serving as counsel to the Edison Electric Institute and a large group of utilities involved in litigation at the STB and in the courts in numerous cases concerning the transportation of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste, coal and oil; and serving as Special Assistant Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in litigation before the Interstate Commerce Commission and in the courts (including the U.S. Supreme Court) involving railroad-related transportation matters.

Examples of McBride's nuclear industry experience include representing most of the control room operators and supervisors at Three Mile Island-Unit 2, from 1980-88, before the US Congress, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the courts; representing the nuclear industry in *Silkwood v. Kerr-McGee Corporation*; and serving as outside counsel to the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements.

In the environmental area, McBride's experience includes trying civil and criminal cases under the National Environmental Policy Act, the "Superfund" statute and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. He also has handled litigation involving the Clean Air Act, and has advised clients on Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act issues. His clients have included electric utilities, petroleum industry associations, a paper company, a chemical recycling company, and individuals.

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Founded in 1977, Van Ness Feldman helps clients in a variety of industries achieve their business goals by designing and complying with the nation's energy and environmental laws. The firm has over 80 lawyers and policy professionals in Washington, DC and Seattle, WA.