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Van Ness Feldman Continues to Strengthen its Energy Policy, Climate Change, and Cleantech Practices with Addition of Two Senior Congressional Policy Advisors

Washington, DC – Van Ness Feldman, P.C. has further bolstered its capabilities in the energy and cleantech policy arenas with the arrival of Tracy Nagelbush and Todd Wooten as Senior Directors in the firm's Government Policy practice. Ms. Nagelbush and Mr. Wooten previously served as senior aides to members of Congress who are leaders in federal energy, energy tax, and climate change policymaking.

Ms. Nagelbush, 29, comes to Van Ness Feldman after eight years on Capitol Hill. Most recently, Ms. Nagelbush was a Senior Policy Advisor to U.S. Representative Jay Inslee (D-WA), where her staff responsibilities included the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the House Committee on Natural Resources. She worked closely with the growing cleantech industry in the Pacific Northwest, guided policy governing the Bonneville Power Administration, and worked to help address infrastructure challenges in the Puget Sound.

"Tracy's work, especially in the 110th Congress, has shown she's an expert and thought leader on energy and environmental issues," said Representative Inslee. "Her expertise will be a real asset to her firm and in her new position."

Mr. Wooten, 31, joins Van Ness Feldman after serving for five years in the office of U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) as Legislative Counsel. As Senator Lincoln's energy counsel, Mr. Wooten was actively involved in the three committees that have assumed the primary role in shaping federal energy policy – the Senate Finance, Energy, and Agriculture Committees. He worked to shape policies that have created the biofuel industry, accelerated the growth of the renewable electricity industry, and brought new energy technologies to the marketplace. Mr. Wooten also advised Senator Lincoln on pending climate change legislation.

Referring to Mr. Wooten's experience in her office, Senator Lincoln said, "Todd's expertise and commitment to serving his fellow Arkansans was such an asset to me in representing my constituents. He was a trusted advisor and I know he will bring the same dedication to his new role at Van Ness Feldman."

Curt Rich, Head of Van Ness Feldman's Government Policy practice, said "Todd and Tracy both had reputations on the Hill as leading thinkers on energy policy, and as staffers who got things done. They were the gold standard on Capitol Hill, and we are excited to have them as part of our policy team."

Van Ness Feldman is an energy law and public policy firm with offices in Washington, D.C. and Seattle, Washington. For 30 years, the firm has helped energy clients navigate public policy and regulatory challenges in Washington, D.C. Our cleantech and climate change public policy practice represents companies like Green Earth Fuels, Targeted Growth, Toyota, the U.S. Green Building Council, Verdiem, and Verenum. The firm also advises coalitions working on clean coal, emissions reduction projects, and cellulosic ethanol.

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