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## **Former Senior Government Official and Corporate Executive Joins Van Ness Feldman's Public Policy Practice**

*James W. Ziglar to focus on public policy, infrastructure development and finance*

**Washington, DC** – Washington, DC – Van Ness Feldman is pleased to announce that James W. (Jim) Ziglar, Sr. has joined the firm's Washington office as Senior Counsel. Mr. Ziglar's distinguished public service career includes positions as Sergeant at Arms of the U.S. Senate, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science, Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Law Clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun.

Mr. Ziglar's corporate experience includes most recently serving as President and CEO of Cross Match Technologies; sixteen years as a public finance investment banker, eleven of which were as a Managing Director and Chief Business Strategist at PaineWebber (now UBS) in New York; and eight years as a practicing lawyer. He holds a Bachelors degree from George Washington University, and a J.D. from George Washington University Law School. Mr. Ziglar serves and has served on numerous boards of organizations focused on environmental, infrastructure and resource development, and health care and security issues.

At Van Ness Feldman, Mr. Ziglar will provide the firm's clients with the benefit of his extensive experience with public policy and transactional matters involving public and corporate finance, natural resources, and public infrastructure development. He also will counsel with clients on homeland security and health care issues.

"I am very pleased to join Van Ness Feldman, one of Washington's premier law firms, particularly in the areas of energy, water and other natural resources, and the environment," Mr. Ziglar said. "Our country is at a crossroads, and the opportunities to fix our economy, protect our environment, and refurbish and expand our infrastructure cannot be delayed or lost. Van Ness has the experienced personnel, the intellectual horsepower and the presence in Washington to help our clients be the leaders in rebuilding and changing America. It is an honor to be part of this organization."

Howard Feldman, Chairman of Van Ness Feldman, commented, "Jim has the most unique combination of experiences I have encountered in my four decades of practicing law in Washington. We look forward to the exciting opportunity of matching these experiences with our substantial policy and regulatory practices to benefit and expand our client base."

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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.