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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & POLICY

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Van Ness Feldman has an industry-focused practice specializing in representing clients with respect to a wide range of federal government policies affecting transportation. The firm represents automobile and light-duty truck manufacturers, manufacturers of engines for heavy-duty trucks and equipment, and manufacturers of recreational marine and small off-road equipment on tailpipe emission controls before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board. The firm maintains an active advocacy practice for rail shippers and motor products manufacturers.

FEDERAL POLICY

The firm is highly sought after for counsel on the availability of, and government policy regarding, federal financial assistance for transportation projects ranging from highway projects, airport construction, myriad issues relevant to ports nationwide, and other transportation-related infrastructure development and operations. In addition, Van Ness Feldman's team of attorneys and policy professionals is well-regarded for their insight into federal economic regulatory policies affecting transportation, federal safety issues, and federal environmental policies and regulations that affect the automobile industry.

Recently, the firm has been significantly involved in the representation of clients developing terminal facilities equipped to receive crude by rail, including all of the required permitting. Finally, the firm represents clients with respect to the permits required for developing terminal facilities to and other such transportation related infrastructure projects.

RAILROADS

Van Ness Feldman specializes in the representation of U.S. freight railroad customers and other entities who deal with the railroads in commercial contract matters, negotiations, arbitration, and litigation before the Surface Transportation Board in Washington D.C. and in federal courts where railroad contracts are in dispute. The firm also represents a number of industry associations on federal regulation, legislation, and policy development relating to the freight railroad industry's exercise of market power.

The firm's capabilities include alternative dispute resolution – negotiation, mediation, arbitration – and litigation for rail shippers in disputes arising under rail transportation contracts. Van Ness Feldman also specializes in creative solutions to client problems where the availability of Surface Transportation Board relief may be decreasing, and rail-dependent shippers' problems increasing.

MOTOR PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS

The firm represents automobile and light-duty truck manufacturers, manufacturers of engines for heavy-duty trucks and equipment, and manufacturers of recreational marine and small off-road equipment on tailpipe emission controls before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board.