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Clients, including leading energy and industrial companies, financial institutions and investment funds, municipalities, trade associations, and coalitions, rely on the firm for its substantive knowledge, strategic policy guidance, and legislative advocacy on cutting-edge matters. The firm is also active in helping clients secure federal financial support, either through appropriations or other funding vehicles. Confirming the firm's unique value proposition, U.S. News/Best Lawyers placed the firm in its top tier for Washington, D.C. Government Relations practices.

The lawyers and lobbyists who comprise Van Ness Feldman's bipartisan team have served as legal counsel and policy advisors to the members of Congress and Congressional committees, White House staff, and presidential appointees to federal agencies in both the Democratic and Republican administrations that developed many of our nation's most important energy, environmental, and natural resources laws.

With the complexities and uncertainties inherent in a fluctuating energy economy, the issues on which Van Ness Feldman's Government Relations practice serves its clients have never been more complex – or more critical. The firm's lawyers and policy professionals are significantly involved in all of the current legislative and federal agency discussions on issues such as climate change and EPA regulation, clean energy standards, energy efficiency and smart grid, energy security, health care, pipeline safety, offshore energy resources, nuclear energy policy, carbon capture and storage, biofuels, access to Alaska's vast natural resources and energy supply, and others.

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