



Government Relations & Public Policy

ALASKA NATIVE LAW

Van Ness Feldman's members and professionals have a unique and significant understanding of federal and state laws, regulations, and policies that impact Alaska. Members of the firm have been involved in the drafting and enactment of many of Alaska's landmark federal laws or have served in a federal agency with oversight responsibility over Alaska natural resources and environment issues. This knowledge and experience, together with excellent professional relationships with the Alaska Congressional Delegation and other key policy makers in the Congress, the executive branch agencies, and the Alaska State government, make Van Ness Feldman uniquely situated to develop and implement cost-effective strategies and solutions for clients on a broad range of Alaska-related matters, from energy and natural resources development to the unique concerns of Alaska municipalities and Alaska Native organizations.

Alaska Native Issues

The Alaska Native community constantly faces a variety of issues arising under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). Our members and professionals have significant knowledge and expertise in representing Alaska Native Regional and Village Corporations and other Alaska Native groups on a wide range of issues, including:

- Conveyance of lands to Alaska Native Corporations.
- Completion of land exchanges between Alaska Native Corporations and the federal government.
- Protection of subsistence hunting and fishing rights.
- Advocacy on other Native issues, such as health, education, and cultural preservation.
- Consultation on business transactions and strategic planning.
- Securing federal appropriations or grants.