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Van Ness Feldman Receives Top Recognition in Chambers USA 2019 Rankings

Washington, D.C. and Seattle – Van Ness Feldman received high praise in the newly released *Chambers USA 2019* rankings. All of the firm’s core practice areas-- including Electricity, Oil & Gas, Environmental, Native American, Transportation, Real Estate, and Land Use and Zoning practices received national rankings.

The firm’s [Government Relations](#) practice group received a Band 1 Ranking in a new category, Specialist: Energy and Environmental firm, recognizing the team’s “in-depth knowledge of federal natural resources-oriented agencies and related legislative committees.”

Eighteen Van Ness Feldman attorneys received individual rankings. Notably, [Susan Olenchuk](#), practice leader of the firm’s Pipeline & LNG team was ranked for the first time in the Energy: Oil & Gas Nationwide category.

Van Ness Feldman’s Practice Area rankings:

- [Climate Change](#) – National
- [Energy: Electricity](#) – National
- [Energy: Oil & Gas](#) – National
- [Environment](#) – National
- [Government: Government Relations](#) – National
- [Native American Law](#) – National
- [Transportation: Rail \(for Shippers\)](#) – National
- [Environment](#) – Washington, DC
- [Environment](#) – Washington State
- [Real Estate](#) – Washington State
- [Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use](#) – Washington State

Van Ness Feldman individual attorney rankings:

- [Lawrence Acker](#) – Energy: Electricity, Oil and Gas
- [Gary Bachman](#) – Energy: Electricity
- [Brent Carson](#) – Real Estate: Land Use and Zoning
- [Kyle Danish](#) – Climate Change, Environment
- [Jay Derr](#) – Real Estate: Land Use and Zoning
- [Stephen Fotis](#) – Climate Change
- [Jessica Friedman](#) – Energy: Electricity
- [Ed Gehres](#) – Native American Law
- [Joel Gordon](#) – Real Estate
- [Tadas Kisielius](#) – Real Estate: Land Use and Zoning
- [Paul Korman](#) – Energy: Oil & Gas
- [Matthew Love](#) – Environment
- [Michael McBride](#) – Transportation
- [Susan Olenchuk](#) – Energy: Oil and Gas

- [Brian O'Neill](#) – Energy: Oil and Gas
- [Dick Penna](#) – Environment
- [Susan Shyne](#) – Real Estate
- [Doug Smith](#) – Energy: Electricity

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