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PRACTICES

Government Advocacy & Public Policy
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SEAN A. TAYLOR
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Professional Background

Sean Taylor has over two decades of experience working with municipalities and local governments on water infrastructure, federal regulations, public lands issues, and a variety of appropriations matters. He has developed comprehensive campaign plans that have successfully authorized infrastructure project initiatives for communities throughout the country. Sean maintains and builds bipartisan relationships with Members of Congress, political and public policy organizations, trade associations, coalitions, industry lobbyists, and Administration officials on behalf of Van Ness Feldman clients.

Sean began his career in the United States Senate working for Senator's Connie Mack of Florida and Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, before serving as a Natural Resources Policy Analyst to Governor Jeb Bush of Florida. As Governor Bush's lead staffer in Washington, D.C., on energy, water and natural resources issues, Sean gained considerable experience developing regional and national coalitions to help mold national energy legislation, influence ocean policy, and expand aquatic ecosystem restoration, and land & water conservation programs for the state.

Since joining Van Ness Feldman in 2015, Sean has expanded his public policy practice to include alternative energy supplies, community development, surface and maritime transportation, and native affairs issues.

Representative Experience

- Federal Representation of municipalities and local governments on water infrastructure, public lands issues, and a variety of appropriations matters for the firms clients
- Successfully worked to enact federal authorizations totally more than \$65 million in water infrastructure projects for clients and effectively steered more than \$67 million in federal funding to agricultural, environmental, and water supply improvement projects
- Acted as Federal Liaison to the Governor on Agriculture, Energy, and Environmental issues with a primary focus on regional water supply solutions and Everglades Restoration efforts
- Worked directly with the Florida Congressional Delegation in crafting legislation that served the best interest of the citizens of the State while advancing the Governor's agenda

Government Service

Office of Governor Jeb Bush, 2002-2004

Natural Resources Policy Analyst

Office of Senator Judd Gregg, 2001-2002

Legislative Correspondent

Office of US Senator Connie Mack, 2000-2001

Personal Aide & Legislative Correspondent

Articles and Presentations

- 2025 ACWA Spring Conference, Association of California Water Agencies, Monterey CA, 05/13/2025

- VNF LIVE EXTRA: A Deeper Dive into Your Questions on the Natural Resource, Water, Tribal and Resiliency Opportunities in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, 01/20/2022
- VNF Live: Natural Resource, Water, Tribal, and Resiliency Opportunities in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, 01/11/2022
- VNF Live - 2020 Election Debrief: Outcomes and Their Impacts on Public Policy, 11/05/2020
- VNF Live - Changes to Congressional Committee Leadership: They are Coming No Matter the Results of the Election, 10/01/2020

Alerts

- EPA Announces Automatic Addition of PFHxS-Na to the Toxics Release Inventory, Triggering Mandatory Reporting Requirements, 10/09/2025
- PFAS Reporting Requirements Persist Amid EPA Deregulation, 03/25/2025
- Biden Signs Largest Climate and Resiliency Infrastructure Bill in U.S. History, 11/15/2021
- Congress Clears Major Year-End Legislative Package Including Federal Spending, COVID-19 Relief, and other Measures, 12/22/2020