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Professional Background

With decades of experience in government, policy, and strategic advising, Mark works with clients to navigate federal, state, and local regulatory landscapes to advance their business and policy objectives.

Prior to joining Van Ness Feldman, Mark served in key leadership roles on President Trump's Transition Team during his first administration and was a senior political appointee as the Director of Budget and Finance at the U.S. Department of Labor. His extensive background includes serving as Legislative Director to Congressman Aderholt (R-AL). Mark's work has spanned critical areas such as infrastructure, trade, energy, labor policy, and regulatory affairs.

Throughout his career, he has secured federal appropriations in every major subcommittee of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees over the past twenty years. Mark has also played a significant role in the major extensions of federal transportation legislation for surface and aviation programs as well as the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) process since 2000.

With his deep policy expertise and strong connections within the current administration, Mark leverages his extensive Washington network to assist clients in navigating emerging challenges and opportunities.

Government Service

- U.S. Department of Labor
  - Director of Budget and Finance for the Beachhead Team
  - Director for the Center of Faith and Opportunity Initiatives (CFOI)
- Trump Transition Team, First Trump Administration
- U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy
  - Southeast Regional Director
- Congressman Parker Griffith
  - Legislative Director and Staff Liaison to the House Energy and Commerce Committee
- Congressman Robert B. Aderholt
  - Legislative Director and Associate Staff, House Appropriations Committee—Transportation and Related Agencies Subcommittee
- Congressman Robert L. Livingston
  - Legislative Assistant, House Appropriations Committee