GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY & PUBLIC POLICY

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, Chambers USA, the Legal 500 and U.S. News/Best Lawyers have recognized the firm’s government relations practice as a national leader.

For over four decades, Van Ness Feldman professionals have been involved in every major debate on energy policy and environmental policy. Our founders’ vision was to provide a unique approach to legal and public policy practice—one based on substantive knowledge and deep subject matter expertise—not just on “insider” access to regulatory agencies and legislators. Van Ness Feldman has not wavered from this vision, and today our attorneys and policy professionals are engaged in some of the most dynamic and ground-breaking policy matters affecting our nation.

Van Ness Feldman’s bipartisan team includes former members of Congress, individuals who 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.

STRATEGIC COUNSELING & ADVOCACY

With the complexities and uncertainties inherent in politics, the issues on which Van Ness Feldman’s Government Relations practice serves its clients have never been more complex — or more critical. Our government relations professionals foster and actively participate in an ongoing dialogue with federal agencies and Members of Congress enabling us to quickly identify events and possible issues on the horizon, and take the necessary measures to prepare our clients for opportunities—helping them navigate potential obstacles.

The all-encompassing knowledge that Van Ness Feldman offers our clients within our core areas distinguishes the services we provide from many other Washington, DC firms that are solely law firms or solely lobbying firms. We tailor our work for each client through teams that deliver efficient and creative solutions and support the attainment of our clients’ goals. Our efforts for clients range from targeted issue advocacy to comprehensive Washington, DC representation, including advocacy on issues such as climate change and EPA regulation, clean energy standards, energy efficiency and smart grid, critical infrastructure and cybersecurity, 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.

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING & MONITORING

Our government relations team regularly monitors, reviews, and analyzes the impact of legislative and regulatory proposals and policies. Our team’s extensive exposure to the workings of Congress and the Executive Branch enables the firm to provide comprehensive day-to-day tracking to our clients, allowing
us to provide timely and informative reports pertinent to their interests.

Van Ness Feldman also provides writing and editorial support to our clients in order to draft background and position papers, testimony, correspondence, and legislative language, as necessary.

**FEDERAL FUNDING**

Van Ness Feldman helps clients navigate the complicated and ever-evolving world of federal funding. In recent years, the firm has helped clients secure nearly $3 billion in federal funding through agency-led solicitations; Congressional authorizations, appropriations, and member-directed spending; loan guarantees; tax credits; grants; and federal procurement contracts.

Our team also represents clients who benefit from programs that receive hundreds of millions of dollars in appropriations annually, and billions of dollars in tax benefits from programs that the firm has helped to develop and advocate. Our professionals have also helped secure federal support for energy, infrastructure, and transportation projects, as well as for research and commercialization of advanced energy and environmental technologies.

Importantly, as strategies and tools for identifying and pursuing funding opportunities continue to evolve, our government relations team is able to ensure that decision-makers understand clients’ priorities during the budget and appropriations processes.

**VNF SOLUTIONS LLC**

The firm combines experience-rich, bipartisan, consulting firm providing strategic advice, analytical services, and advocacy for clients in the energy, natural resources, agriculture, transportation, disaster preparedness and recovery, healthcare, and aerospace and defense sectors.

Solutions to complex challenges require a holistic approach to analyzing problems and determining the best strategies for addressing them. Our professionals work to ensure that the firm’s clients have the tools and resources they need to achieve their goals and objectives.

For more information on our services, or to learn more about our expertise, please 

**TAX POLICY**

Van Ness Feldman’s federal tax policy practice combines substantive, legislative tax policy acumen with focused experience in energy and environmental policy—allowing the firm to effectively promote clients’ tax issues with legislators, regulators, and decision-makers across the political spectrum.

The federal tax policy practice regularly engages with Members of Congress and their staff, with a
primary focus on the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Joint Committee on Taxation. Van Ness Feldman also works closely with key players at the Department of the Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service, and, when needed, the White House. Prior experience on Capitol Hill has given the firm’s tax policy practice members a wealth of key contacts with the policymakers and staff that shape federal tax policy.

In the wake of new tax reform, our federal tax policy team continues to monitor developments to identify opportunities—and challenges—for clients’ tax issues. Van Ness Feldman is uniquely situated to work with clients to develop targeted tax initiatives, build the public policy rationale for the initiative, identify the legislative opportunity, and successfully engage with the Congress on behalf of the client.

For more information about our tax practice, contact Michael Platner.