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PRACTICES

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Professional Background

For over 20 years, Stuart has successfully advocated for clients in federal policy areas including energy, the environment, transportation, and infrastructure. Drawing on her comprehensive experience on Capitol Hill, Stuart uses a collaborative approach to tackle complex regulatory and legislative challenges for her clients, focusing on garnering broad bipartisan support to ensure successful outcomes. Her leadership in coalition-building is a key feature of the firm's public policy practice. Stuart has represented a diverse group of industry associations, nonprofits, and companies, with a particular focus on issues in the electric and energy sectors, coastal restoration, and securing federal funding. She also provides strategic guidance and federal advocacy advice to the President of the Large Public Power Council, which represents 28 of the nation's largest public power systems. Her role includes enhancing the association's engagement with key federal policy makers and identifying and pursuing legislative opportunities.

Stuart joined Van Ness Feldman after working for seven years in the office of U.S. Representative Richard H. Baker (R-LA), including as the Congressman's Legislative Director. Stuart staffed the Congressman on Transportation and Infrastructure Committee issues and assisted in negotiations during the House-Senate conference on the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. As a Senior Legislative Assistant, Stuart handled appropriations requests, special projects and assisted with hurricane recovery and response in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Representative Experience

- Advises the Large Public Power Council, an association of the largest power systems in the United States, on a wide range of legislative and policy issues.
- Represented a large coalition of rail-dependent shippers in an ongoing effort to achieve pro-competitive federal legislative and regulatory transportation policy.
- Represents a hydroelectric facility jointly owned by the states of Texas and Louisiana in efforts to obtain a federal land exchange.
- Assists a trade association with legislative fly-ins in an ongoing effort with respect to federal taxation issues.
- Represented a large public redevelopment project with respect to energy efficiency and federal funding.
- Represented a trade association advocating for improvements to federal pipeline safety legislation.

Government Service

U.S. House of Representatives, Office of Representative Richard H. Baker (R-LA)

Legislative Director

Senior Legislative Assistant/Projects Director

Articles and Presentations

- VNF Live: – Funding Opportunities for the Energy & Climate Sectors in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act: Part 1, 12/08/2021
- VNF Live – Looking Ahead: Energy & Climate Policy During Biden's Next 100 Days, 04/29/2021
- VNF Live - 2020 Election Debrief: Outcomes and Their Impacts on Public Policy, 11/05/2020

Alerts

- Midterm Election Update: Impact on Committees in the 118th Congress, 12/02/2022
- OUTLOOK 2014: KEY POLICY DEVELOPMENTS, 01/23/2014
- Government Shut-down: Update #6: The Government Opens and Debt Default Is Avoided, 10/17/2013