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Van Ness Feldman Receives Top Recognition in Chambers USA 2015 Rankings

Washington, D.C. and Seattle – Van Ness Feldman received high praise in the newly released Chambers USA 2015 rankings, including a national Tier 1 ranking for the firm's <u>Climate Change</u> practice—the guide's highest honor. In addition, the firm received inaugural rankings for its Washington State <u>Environment</u> practice; Partner <u>Matthew Love</u>, Environment; and Partner <u>Joel Gordon</u>, Real Estate.

Van Ness Feldman also received top tier rankings for the firm's Electricity, Oil & Gas, Government Relations, Environmental, Native American, Transportation, Real Estate, and Land Use and Zoning practices. *Chambers USA* similarly distinguished 17 Van Ness Feldman attorneys as "Leaders in Their Field."

Chambers & Partners is recognized as the legal industry's preeminent guide to the legal profession and has built a reputation for in-depth, objective research. Chambers conducts thousands of interviews with lawyers and their clients worldwide to identify and rank the world's best lawyers according to the criteria most valued by clients – such as technical expertise, business acumen, prompt delivery, and value. On the basis of this research, Chambers ranks both firms and individual attorneys around the world.

Van Ness Feldman's Practice Area rankings include:

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

Van Ness Feldman lawyers recognized include:

- <u>Lawrence Acker</u> Energy: Electricity, Oil and Gas
- <u>Gary Bachman</u> Energy: Electricity
- <u>Brent Carson</u> Real Estate: Land Use and Zoning
- <u>Kyle Danish</u> Climate Change, Environment
- Jay Derr Real Estate: Land Use and Zoning
- <u>Stephen Fotis</u> Climate Change
- Joel Gordon Real Estate
- <u>Paul Korman</u> Energy: Oil & Gas
- <u>Matthew Love</u> Environment
- <u>Michael McBride</u> Transportation

- Peg Moore Energy: Electricity
- <u>Bob Nordhaus</u> Energy: Electricity
- <u>Brian O'Neill</u> Energy: Oil and Gas
- <u>Marlys Palumbo</u> Environment
- <u>Dick Penna</u> Environment
- <u>Doug Smith</u> Energy: Electricity
- Bob Szabo Transportation

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