



GENERAL COUNSEL

Employing outside general counsel services on an as-needed basis, either as main legal counsel or to supplement the work of in-house attorneys, helps organizations remain flexible and responsive to legal demands. In addition to providing counsel on specialized legal matters, outside general counsel services can also provide guidance on corporate governance, regulatory issues, as well as transactional support and litigation representation.

Van Ness Feldman's general counsel team regularly provides diverse representation for public, private, and emerging companies. The firm is highly regarded for its ability to provide guidance as sole-legal counsel or as an extension of our clients' in-house groups -- providing a seamless, team-oriented approach with other counsel and consultants as is often necessary in the role of general counsel.

Key areas of focus include:

- Formation of businesses, non-profits, and public entities
- Developing and advising on authorities, bylaws, and policies
- Advising governing bodies of public agencies/boards of non-profit organizations
- Organizing decisions (policy development; public code development)
- Open government/best practices
- Public ethics and gifts
- Preventive litigation counseling
- Dispute resolution and litigation
- Corporate compliance programs
- Internal Investigations
- Government agency investigations
- Security
- Contract basics / constitutional constraints
- RFQs/RFPs/use of contract operators, rosters and on-call contracts
- Procurement and contracting
- Public-private partnerships
- Risk management related to cybersecurity and other catastrophic events
- Asset management of facilities and premises
- Indemnification and insurance coverage
- Infrastructure assessments