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## **Van Ness Feldman Elects First Native American Partner**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – [Van Ness Feldman](#) is pleased to announce that [Maranda Compton](#), a leading member of the firm’s nationally recognized Native Affairs practice, has been elected a partner in the firm, effective January 1, 2019.

“Maranda’s dedication to finding better ways for tribes and businesses to break down perceived barriers, work together and mutually prosper is altering the way business is conducted in Indian Country.” Richard Agnew, Chairman of Van Ness Feldman said. “Her energy and enthusiasm have allowed her to build bridges between tribal and non-tribal entities to achieve real and meaningful partnerships. Her thoughtful approach to tribal and business relations is garnering interest throughout the U.S. We are honored to recognize Maranda’s significant contributions by electing her to partnership in the firm.”

The Van Ness Feldman Native Affairs practice group has been serving Indian Country since its founding more than 40 years ago. Ms. Compton is the first Native American to be elected Partner from within the firm’s ranks in its history.

Ms. Compton will continue to work primarily from both the firm’s Denver presence and its DC office, where she represents tribal and non-tribal clients in commercial transactions and project development, and advises clients on issues of federal, state and tribal regulations, environmental permitting, energy, and natural resources.

An enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Ms. Compton holds a J.D. from the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, and a B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross. She can be reached at 202-298-1806 or [mcompton@vnf.com](mailto:mcompton@vnf.com).

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