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Van Ness Feldman Elects Three New Partners

Van Ness Feldman, LLP is pleased to announce that Michael Diamond, Suzanne Keppeler, and Jenna Mandell-Rice have been elected to the partnership.

Firm Co-Chairs Nancy McNally and Doug Smith stated: “We are very excited to welcome Jenna, Suzanne and Michael to the partnership. They each bring great expertise, energy, and professionalism to their work with clients. These partner promotions reflect the firm’s continued commitment to developing topflight young talent in our core practices.”

[Michael Diamond](#) represents natural gas pipeline companies and electric utilities before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and United States Courts of Appeals. Michael provides comprehensive FERC regulatory counsel to natural gas pipeline companies on rate and tariff matters under the Natural Gas Act, as well as pipeline certificate and abandonment proceedings. He also represents pipeline clients on complaints, investigations, and enforcement proceedings before FERC, and on review of regulatory actions before the U.S. Courts of Appeals. Additionally, Michael assists electric utilities on rate and tariff matters.

[Suzanne Keppeler](#) focuses on representation of electric utilities on a wide range of regulatory matters before FERC and United States Courts of Appeals. She assists clients on rate cases, contract and tariff matters, regulatory compliance, investigation defense, and administrative litigation under the Federal Power Act. She also advises on transactional matters and on compliance with North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and regional reliability standards.

[Jenna Mandell-Rice](#) practices in the areas of natural resources, environmental, and water law. She helps clients navigate complex regulatory, permitting, enforcement and litigation matters under a range of environmental statutes, including the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Washington State Environmental Policy Act, the Federal Power Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act. She advises project developers, water utilities, water suppliers, and hydroelectric project operators on water rights, water supply, and water quality challenges.

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