

September 8, 2023  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Lisa Pavia (Washington, DC) 202-298-1899

### **Van Ness Feldman Adds Kea Sherman in New Orleans, Expanding its Louisiana Team**

Van Ness Feldman is pleased to announce today that [Kea Sherman](#) has joined the firm as Policy Counsel. Based in New Orleans, Ms. Sherman will focus on issues related to energy infrastructure, coastal resiliency, ports, waterways, and the transition to clean energy. This addition expands the firm's presence in Louisiana and bolsters our capability to support clients in the Gulf South, from Mobile to Houston, on issues including the transition of the energy economy. The addition of a New Orleans location follows the recent opening of offices in Baton Rouge and Houston by Van Ness Feldman, a long-standing leader in providing energy and environmental regulatory and lobbying services in Washington, DC.

Ms. Sherman is a well-known, respected member of the Louisiana State Bar, who is an engaged civic leader in the New Orleans community. Ms. Sherman has been active in public affairs and government relations, including having made a bid for the Louisiana Legislature in 2019. She was also instrumental in the creation of Emerge Louisiana, and Les Femmes PAC, two statewide political organizations dedicated to advancing female representation in Louisiana government. These experiences, combined with nearly two decades serving as general counsel to companies in Louisiana and as a civil litigation attorney, have earned her a reputation as one of the go-to advocates and advisors to businesses in the region.

“This is one of the most exciting times to be engaged in the energy industry, as we explore ways to decarbonize and strive to meet critical climate goals here in the U.S. and around the world. The expertise of the energy industry in Louisiana has a pivotal role to play in this herculean effort. Likewise, Van Ness Feldman is well positioned to support this effort with decades of experience navigating the specialized needs and challenges of our clients,” said former U.S. Senator [Mary Landrieu](#), a Senior Policy Advisor with the firm. “I am thrilled to welcome Kea to our team, as she brings a great deal of savvy and enthusiasm to this important work.”

[Tanner Johnson](#), who leads Van Ness Feldman’s Baton Rouge office, added, “We are excited about expanding our team in the Gulf Coast region. I look forward to working with Kea to advance the interests of our clients and to serve the communities where we live and work.”

Ms. Sherman holds a J.D. from the South Texas College of Law and a B.A. in political science from the University of Louisiana. She can be reached at [ksherman@vnf.com](mailto:ksherman@vnf.com) or 713-899-4093.

\*\*\*

*With nearly 100 professionals in Washington, DC, Seattle, the Bay Area, Houston, and Louisiana, Van Ness Feldman is home to a nationally recognized public policy and government advocacy practice. Our bipartisan team includes former members of Congress and professionals who served as legal counsel and policy advisors to the members of Congress and Congressional committees, White House staff, and presidential appointees to federal agencies in both Democratic and Republican administrations. Van Ness Feldman advises clients on the most important energy, environmental, and natural resources issues of the day. Learn more at [www.vnf.com](http://www.vnf.com).*