



CONTACT

agnewr@vnfsolutions.com
202.298.1815

ASSISTANT

tcm@vnf.com

EDUCATION

Seattle University School of Law
University of Washington

RICHARD AGNEW



Professional Background

Richard (Rick) Agnew represents a variety of clients before Congress and federal agencies, particularly on matters relating to federal laws and permits governing energy projects, environmental matters, and the uses of natural resources.

As Chief Republican Counsel for the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs (now the Committee on Natural Resources) of the U.S. House of Representatives, Rick served as committee counsel and staff supervisor in a wide array of federal issues, involving natural resources, Native Americans, and energy production and use. He also was involved in the effort to revitalize Pennsylvania Avenue and Union Station in Washington, DC. Today, Rick uses that experience to help firm clients secure funding or permit authorizations for energy and transportation projects as well as the redevelopment of communities after significant natural disasters or other economic loss.

Rick is active in Bar Association Continuing Legal Education activities and is a frequent speaker on natural resource, Native American, and electric policy issues.

Rick also served as Chairman of Van Ness Feldman LLP, 2012-2019.

Professional Affiliations

City of Federal Way, Washington

- Board of Ethics, 2007-2011
- Planning Commission, 2006-2007
- Chairman, Human Services Commission, 2005
- Human Services Commission, 1999-2005

Government Service

U.S. House of Representatives

- Chief Republican Counsel/Staff Director, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, 1985-1991
- Republican Counsel, Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks, 1983-1985
- Staff Counsel, Congressman Don Young (R-AK), 1980-1983