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The Honorable Mary Landrieu serves as a senior policy advisor at Van Ness Feldman, a long established and respected energy and environmental law firm with offices in Washington DC, Seattle, Houston and New Orleans. She represents a variety of clients helping to navigate the energy evolution to a lower carbon future. She is co-founder of the Climate Solutions Foundation, which has built strong bipartisan caucuses in the House and Senate that are helping to forge a durable energy policy for the United States that will build prosperity and security for our nation.

Landrieu served in the United States Senate for three terms, from 1997-2015. During her 18 year tenure, she chaired the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, the Homeland Security Appropriations Committee, and was the first Democratic woman to serve on the Armed Services Committee. She is credited with the passage of several important pieces of legislation: most notably, the landmark Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA); the Israel American Energy Alliance; and the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE Act) – the single largest environmental investment in the Gulf Coast in US history.

While in the Senate, Landrieu was known for her bipartisan approach to addressing national challenges and her passionate advocacy for her home state of Louisiana, particularly in the aftermaths of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Prior to serving in the Senate, she was elected twice to the Louisiana State Legislature from 1979–1987. For eight years, she successfully championed causes related to women and children, flood protection, and education reform. In 1987, she was elected State Treasurer and served with distinction for two terms. Strong fiscal management, pension fund diversification, debt limitation, and the creation of the first-ever municipal investment fund (now valued at over \$2 billion) are some of her noteworthy accomplishments.

Landrieu currently serves on the Board of Directors for Evergy, a Midwest utility company. She has been a leader in the public-school reform movement for decades and is a co-founder of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI), which supports the work of over 150 Members of Congress regarding policies and funding initiatives to support domestic and international adoption and foster care reform. CCAI believes that every child has the right to a safe, stable and nurturing family, and that every family deserves community support. In addition, Landrieu serves on the board of Resources for the Future, and on the National Academy of Sciences' Gulf Research Program Advisory Board.

She earned her BS degree from Louisiana State University and is married to Frank Snellings, an attorney and real estate broker. They reside in Washington, DC, and have two grown children and one grandchild.