

Christine Noelle Fitzgerald

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Real Estate

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Clients closing real estate finance deals rely on Christine Fitzgerald to not only identify risk and potential issues in a transaction but, more importantly, to offer solutions tailored to the business needs of her clients and to create a viable path forward for the deal despite any challenges. Christy's priority, in alignment with her client's ultimate goal, is closing a real estate finance transaction in such a way that all parties view the result as favorable and her client's business — and business relationships — grow and thrive.

A smart and business-oriented advocate in complex real estate finance deals

Christy concentrates her practice in real estate finance and is experienced in syndicated, securitized, mezzanine, ground lease, hospitality and construction lending and borrowing, intercreditor arrangements, participations, whole and portfolio loan sales, "loan on loan" secured financing transactions, workouts (including loan modifications and restructurings, forbearance agreements, reservation of rights and discounted payoff agreements), foreclosures, loan restructurings and deeds in lieu of foreclosure, as well as acquisition, disposition and development of real estate assets, joint venture transactions and preferred equity.

From 1996 to 1997, Christy clerked in the chambers of the Honorable Lourdes G. Baird, US District Court, Central District of California.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Real Estate Law, 2024−2027
- *Los Angeles Business Journal*
  - Top 100 Lawyers, 2026
- Los Angeles Times Studios

Practices

- Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Acquisitions, Dispositions and Joint Ventures
- Real Estate Finance and Lending

Industries

- Data Centers
- Finance and Financial Markets
- Sports and Sports Facilities

Education

- JD, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
- BA, University of California, Santa Barbara

Bar Admissions

- California

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Commercial Mortgage Securities Association
- Commercial Real Estate Women, Los Angeles Chapter
- Hollywood Schoolhouse, Former Board Trustee
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Loyola Law School Transactional Lawyering Institute, Advisory Board
- State Bar of California, Real Property Law Section
- *Law360*, California Editorial Board, 2026

- Banking and Finance Visionaries, 2026
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Southern California, 2010
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2017, 2021, 2024–2025

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Expands Restructuring Practice with Addition of Genevieve Weiner (August 19, 2026)
- Christine Noelle Fitzgerald Honored Among *LABJ* Top 100 Lawyers of Los Angeles for 2026 (April 20, 2026)
- Five Katten Partners Named as Members of *Law360* 2026 Editorial Boards (April 10, 2026)
- Christine Noelle Fitzgerald Profiled Among 2026 Banking and Finance Visionaries in the LA Times (March 24, 2026)
- Katten California Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists (February 20, 2026)
- Katten Expands West Coast Securities Litigation Team With Return of Richard Zelichov (February 2, 2026)
- Katten Brings on Mohammed Alvi, Building Its Premier Private Credit Practice (February 2, 2026)
- *Law360* Spotlights Christine Noelle Fitzgerald as New Managing Partner of Los Angeles and Orange County Offices (October 23, 2025)
- Katten Names Christine Noelle Fitzgerald to Lead Its LA Offices (October 16, 2025)
- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide (June 11, 2025)
- Katten Welcomes Shiza Shahid in Honor of Women's History Month (March 31, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)

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- Katten Highly Ranked in Legal 500 United States 2024 (June 12, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- CRE Finance Council Women's Network Shines Spotlight on Christine Noelle Fitzgerald (August 10, 2022)
- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Katten Selected as the "Go-To" Firm for Sports Law in Chicago (July 27, 2017)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2017 (May 31, 2017)

Publications

- Measure ULA – An Additional Transfer Tax on Real Estate Transfers (December 2, 2022)
- California Court of Appeal Strictly Enforces Carveout Guaranty (June 21, 2013)
- California Sets Schedule for Non-Residential Building Energy Disclosures (October 22, 2012)
- IRS and Treasury Issue Guidance for Modification of Securitized Commercial Mortgages (September 22, 2009)
- Federal Reserve Adds Legacy CMBS to TALF (May 20, 2009)
- Treasury Unveils Public-Private Investment Program for Legacy Assets (March 26, 2009)
- Proposed Addition of CMBS to TALF May Create Opportunities for Commercial Mortgage Loan Originators, Servicers, Borrowers and Investors (March 12, 2009)

Presentations and Events

- Los Angeles County Bar Association Webinar (May 13, 2025) | *Speaker* | *Demystifying the Mortgage Finance Checklist*
- COVID-19 & Perspectives on the Present and Future of the Workplace (July 22, 2020) | *Presenter*

"Christine is a seasoned attorney with a deep knowledge and unique command of her practice area. She brings a highly trained legal perspective and business understanding to every deal at every stage and every turn. She is thoughtful, careful, and deliberate, paying meticulous attention to detail. She considers every angle but always remains practical and commercial in her approach with a well-developed sense of the big picture and is able to craft solutions and reach reasonable compromises. Christine is extremely loyal and conscientious, working arduously in service of our interests. She is truly invested in our business and is a vital and indispensable component of it. In sum, Christine is the complete package, and among her peers, there are few attorneys like her out there. I'm proud to have Christine as our representative as she is a tremendous asset and ambassador for our platform."

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