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## CRE Finance Council Women's Network Shines Spotlight on Christine Noelle Fitzgerald

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Christine Noelle Fitzgerald, partner and chair of Katten's West Coast Real Estate practice, offered a peek into her practice and shared some personal "fun facts" in a profile published by the CRE Finance Council (CREFC) Women's Network. The Women's Network, which is a network of professional women in the commercial real estate finance industry, provides a platform within CREFC that is dedicated to women's initiatives and offers opportunities for development and mentoring.

Featured as part of the Women's Network "Member Spotlight" series, Christy's profile highlighted the broad scope of her real estate finance practice. Discussing her experience in all aspects of real estate finance, Christy noted that these days she primarily represents "varied types of lender clients involved in financing all the different major real estate asset classes."

"One of my favorite things about my practice is that I get an opportunity to develop creative legal solutions to seemingly intractable challenges, and help create viable paths forward for my client in particular, but often also for all the stakeholders in the deal," she said. "I also truly enjoy logical thinking and translating the same into precise contractual writing that strives to carry the same meaning regardless of the reader – at its best, transactional legal writing can feel like a language game (though perhaps never quite as fun as the crossword)!"

A Golden State native who works out of Katten's Los Angeles-Century City office, Christy's family roots in California run deep. Noting that she has the "unusual distinction of being a fourth-generation Californian on [her] Dad's side of the family," Christy shared that her paternal great-great-grandfather was born during the California Gold Rush in the prominent mining community of Angels Camp.

California is also home to the site of Christy's favorite vacation spot, Yosemite National Park. Looking back at her family vacations in Yosemite, where her parents owned a couple cabins over the years, Christy expressed how lucky she feels to have grown up visiting the park.

"[N]o matter what other exotic and exciting destinations I have the opportunity to visit, Yosemite will always be home," she said. "There is nothing like an immersion into nature at its grandest to really put other aspects of your everyday life into perspective."

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