Kuhlen has broad experience in all aspects of finance and real estate law, representing borrowers and lenders in complex finance transactions. She focuses her practice on renewable energy, casino hotel development and management, and health care.

Recent accomplishments include the acquisition and financing of multiple photovoltaic solar facilities along a single transmission line in Imperial County. Kuhlen said it was one of the most complicated real estate transactions she has completed.

Kuhlen considered a career providing psychological services at college campuses, but instead decided to pursue a law degree at the University of Southern California. While she never used her master’s in counseling degree in practice, she gained skills in negotiations and group dynamics that she said have been invaluable to her as an attorney.

As a board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County, she recently participated with other professional women in a Girl Scouts of San Diego weekend camp in Julian, mentoring high school girls. Kuhlen also does what she can to mentor young attorneys within Latham & Watkins LLP.

The best advice she has for young professionals is to learn their craft or trade well. “Because once you’re an expert, people gravitate toward you, regardless of gender,” she said. “I don’t get hung up on being a woman in a male industry.”

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