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CRE Finance Council Names Industry Veteran Mike Flood Deputy Executive Director
*Flood Returns to CREFC as Association Prepares for
Full Slate of Member-Focused Events & Conferences this Spring*

Washington, D.C. – The CRE Finance Council (CREFC), the leading trade association in the commercial real estate finance industry, today announced it has hired **Mike Flood** as Deputy Executive Director. The move marks Flood’s return to CREFC, where he served as Vice-President of Policy & Economic Research and Vice-President of Government Relations between 2010 and 2013.

Flood brings to CREFC 19 years of experience in the financial service sector, including trade association, advocacy, policy, consulting, risk management and regulatory compliance work. Most recently, he was Director of Advocacy for the Structured Finance Industry Group (SFIG).

“Mike’s hiring is an excellent step for the organization, and marks the return of someone who is universally respected and well-liked throughout our industry, in Washington, and among our membership,” said **Timothy Gallagher**, Managing Director of Macquarie Group and chair of CREFC’s Transition Committee. “In his previous years with CREFC, Mike proved to be successful in reaching consensus among our stakeholders and promoting the organization’s strength and viability – and we welcome him back now with every confidence that he will do the same once again.”

“Having previously established so many positive relationships with CREFC’s membership in my first stint here, I could not be happier to be returning,” said Flood. “I’m fortunate to join at such an impactful time, ahead of June’s Annual Conference, where I look forward to immediately engaging with our members on the issues that are most important to them. I’m excited to rejoin Marty and Christina to continue to make CREFC a strong member-driven organization. In the meantime, I appreciate that SFIG and CREFC are working together to ensure both organizations’ constituencies are served during this transition period and beyond.”

“Mike did a great job for CREFC during his previous tenure and we are thrilled to welcome him back into the leadership of the organization,” said **Gregory Michaud**, Managing Director and Head of Real Estate Finance for Voya Investment Management, and chairman of CREFC’s Board of Governors. “I also want to acknowledge the critical contributions of our current CREFC staff at this time. Christina Zausner, our Vice President of Industry and Policy Analysis, and Martin Schuh, our Vice President of Legislative and Regulatory Policy, have especially been invaluable in their role as the collective engine behind the organization.”



In addition to Gallagher, CREFC's Transition Committee includes: Gregory Michaud, Managing Director & Head of Real Estate Finance, Voya Investment Management; Paul Vanderslice, Managing Director, Citigroup Global Markets; Jack Cohen, Global Partner, Shirlaws Group; Lisa Pendergast, Managing Director and Co-head of CMBS Strategy and Risk, Jefferies & Company; Keith Gollenberg, Managing Director, Oaktree Capital Management; Kent Born, Senior Managing Director and Co-head of the Commercial Real Estate (CRE) Group, PPM Finance; and Daniel E. Bober, Executive Vice-President, Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Group (CMG). The Committee has launched a search for a new Executive Director who will lead the organization, working closely alongside Flood.

The CREFC Annual Conference is scheduled for June 13-15 in New York City, and recently announced Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post columnist George Will as keynote speaker. It is expected to be one of the most-attended CREFC events in recent history. In addition to the Annual Conference, CREFC's upcoming slate of events includes:

- "CREFC Women's Network Symposium," a Women's Network Event in New York on April 12.
- "Current State of Capital Markets...," a Young Professionals event in Atlanta on April 12.
- "Women's Network Happy Hour," a Women's Network Event in New York on April 19.
- "The CREFC Korean Investor Conference" in Seoul on April 19.
- "Technology As a Disruptor in CRE," an After-Work Seminar in New York on April 20.
- "The Japan Symposium" in Tokyo on April 21.
- "Healthcare Asset Financing," an After-Work Seminar in Washington on April 27.
- "Insight Into CRE Lending," a Young Professionals event in New York on April 28.
- "CMBS 101: Intro to Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities," an Educational Event in New York on May 4.
- "Commercial Real Estate Finance Summit - West," a Regional Summit in Santa Monica, Calif. on May 10.
- "The Regulatory Landscape Affecting CRE Finance," a Young Professionals event in New York on May 18.

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