If you’ve ever visited our Utica office, you know how kind Lisa Perno is. Lisa grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area until her family moved to Parkville, Mo., when she was 13. After graduating from high school, Lisa moved back to California, where she lived for seven years before moving to Tulsa to be closer to family. Today, Lisa, a valuable member of our Utica team, performs trust administrative functions. It gives us great pleasure to share a little bit about Lisa’s life and passions with you.

Investment Perspectives: What do you like to do when you are not working?
Lisa Perno: I like to read, work jigsaw puzzles, make crafts, and work in the yard.

What is your favorite part of this job?
Getting to know our clients. I have developed precious relationships with some of our clients who are willing to share their life memories with me. That is very fulfilling.

Are you married?
I have been married to Don Perno for 29 years. I have two very special stepdaughters and sons-in-law. And, now I have three grandsons.

How would your friends and family describe you?
I suspect they would say that I am loving, determined, loyal, self-motivated, and considerate. Okay, they would probably say that I am fun with a tendency to be somewhat entertaining.

What might someone be surprised to know about you?
I loved being a part of the Tulsa Dog Training Club’s Paw Pals program. My 12-year-old Golden Retriever, Skylar, retired from Paw Pals last year. Taking Skylar to nursing homes and assisted living facilities filled me with joy. I loved the residents’ reaction when my big dog put her head on their lap and looked up at them.

If you were not living in Oklahoma, where would you rather be?
I have been very happy in Oklahoma, but if I could not live here, I suppose I would live in Asheville, N.C., or Tampa, Fla., to share my life with my grandsons.