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October 25, 2024

John M. Nolan
Chair, Member Selection Committee
c/o American College of Real Estate Lawyers
220 N. Market Street, Suite 100
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Re: Nomination of Allison Bastian-Rodriguez for membership in the American
College of Real Estate Lawyers

Dear Mr. Nolan:

I am pleased to second the nomination made by Marilyn Maloney of Allison Bastian-Rodriguez for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

I have known Allison since 2016 through our mutual involvement in the State Bar's Real Estate Probate and Trust Section, various real estate law programs, and membership on the State Bar's Real Estate Forms Committee. In addition to participating in Continuing Legal Education programs and observing Ms. Bastian-Rodriguez' many continuing legal education presentations, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve with her on the State Bar's Real Estate Forms Committee the past several years. As a member, and past Chair of that Committee, I can certify that Ms. Bastian-Rodriguez's service on, and contributions to, the Committee have always been superior and aided in making the Manual a premier tool for practitioners across the experience spectrum of real estate practitioners. Her knowledge of the subject matter, and her ability to work closely with her subcommittees, and the Committee of the whole, to provide both critical feedback and introduce new ideas has been invaluable to both the Committee's success and the practical use of the Manual by the Bar's membership.

Ms. Bastian-Rodriguez is highly respected by her peers in the Real Estate Probate and Trust Section for her knowledge, and leadership and mentoring qualities, and has an outstanding reputation throughout our legal community. With respect to her contributions to the Bar, and the enhancement of legal practice in general, Ms. Bastian-Rodriguez has two additional areas about which I have additional first-hand experience. I have not only been in the audience at CLE's where she has made excellent and enlightening presentations, and presented papers that have been useful resources in my own practice; but I have collaborated with her and been a co-presenter with her at several CLE programs. Additionally, Allison is a graduate of, and excellent advocate for the Texas Real Estate Trust and Probate Section's "Leadership Academy." Allison has actively promoted the Academy and its benefits, as well as given back to the Academy serving in a mentoring role to new classes.

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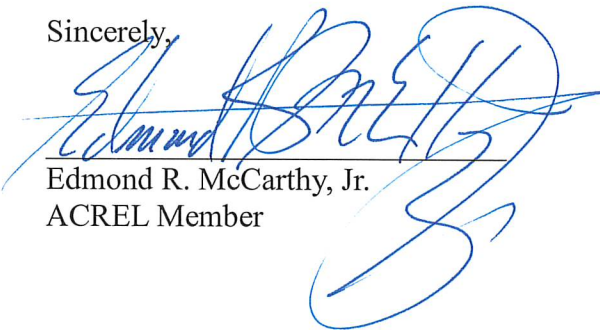
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I have received and reviewed Marilyn Maloney's Proposal for Membership of Allison. In my opinion Allison satisfies ACREL's Statement of Professionalism and exemplifies the standards of professional integrity and civility prescribed in the Guidelines. Allison is very deserving of membership in ACREL and will be an asset to ACREL. I certify that in my opinion, and to my knowledge, Allison Bastian-Rodriguez satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in Section 4 of the Guidelines for Regular Member Selection.

By my signature below, I certify that I am not in the same firm, business entity, faculty, or other organization as Allison, nor am I related to her by birth or marriage. I am not a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College. Neither Allison, nor her employer firm, regularly employs, retains or otherwise engages me or my law firm. My business relationship, if any, with the Nominee, Ms. Bastian-Rodriguez, is as follows: None.

Thank you for your consideration of the information set forth above in support of Ms. Bastian-Rodriguez' nomination, and your service to the College.

Sincerely,



Edmond R. McCarthy, Jr.
ACREL Member

cc: Marilyn Maloney, Nominator