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John M. Nolan
Chair, Member Selection Committee
c/o American College of Real Estate Lawyers
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Dear Mr. Nolan:

I am pleased to nominate Stephen A. Cooney, Gray Reed and McGraw, LLP, 1300 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056, email scooney@grayreed.com, to ACREL. I have known Stephen for at least five years as he started making presentations at State Bar of Texas CLE programs. In 2001, I became more acquainted with Stephen when he joined the State Bar of Texas Real Estate Forms Committee, where he is an active and contributing member. I am especially impressed by Stephen's knowledge of water law. He was the course director for the State Bar of Texas "Changing Faces of Water Law" Course in 2024 and 2025. I spoke at one of the courses where I witnessed firsthand the time and effort he extended to make certain the "trains ran on time." He is board certified in commercial real estate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

As chair of the Texas Bar Foundation Fellows, I appreciate that Stephen is a Texas Bar Foundation Fellow. His nomination to the Texas Bar Foundation means that he is recognized by his peers as an outstanding and contributing member of our legal profession.

I have confirmed that Stephen is in good standing with the State Bar of Texas. I have explained to him that ACREL expects Fellows to be engaged and to participate in College activities. He has agreed to do so. I expect that Stephen will "hit the ground running" with his commitment to ACREL, just as he has done with State Bar CLE programs and committees. Stephen will make an outstanding ACREL member.

Respectfully submitted,


SARA E. DYSART

Cc: Marilyn C. Maloney