



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF REAL ESTATE LAWYERS

MEMBER SELECTION

SECONDING LETTER

(Stephen A. Cooney)

October 28, 2024

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

Mr. Nolan:

I am delighted to second the nomination of Stephen A. Cooney (the “Nominee”) for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL) made by Sara E. Dysart.

I currently serve as Chair of the Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Law Section (REPTL) of the State Bar of Texas. I have known the Nominee for many years, primarily through our work together on REPTL’s Real Estate Legislative Affairs Committee (RELACs), which I chaired when the Nominee joined in 2010, and on REPTL-sponsored CLE courses. The Nominee has been and continues to be a key contributor to RELACs, a committee that produces a biennial report on new laws enacted by the Texas Legislature pertaining to real estate law. He has also devoted countless hours to planning, directing, and presenting at CLE courses, particularly on topics related to water law. The Nominee has consistently “given back” over a lengthy period, and I have been impressed by the quality of his work and that he takes the initiative to serve without seeking the spotlight.

As an aside, in many jurisdictions interest in water law is growing, and it will be beneficial to add members to ACREL with expertise in this area.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Sara E. Dysart and certify that the Nominee satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in Section 4 of the Guidelines for Regular Member Selection. In my opinion and to my knowledge, the Nominee satisfies ACREL’s Statement of Professionalism and exemplifies the standards of professional integrity and civility as provided in the Guidelines. I am not (a) in the same firm, business entity, faculty, or other organization as the Nominee, (b) related by birth or marriage to the Nominee, or (c) a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College. Neither the Nominee nor his employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and I have no business relationship with the Nominee.

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I am confident that the Nominee will bring the same level of engagement and enthusiasm to the College that he has demonstrated in his work with REPTL. He will be a valuable addition to the College, and I wholeheartedly second and endorse his nomination.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Crow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Richard A. Crow
ACREL Fellow (Elected 2019)

cc: Sara E. Dysart