

October 29, 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 John:

I second the nomination of Stephen A. Cooney for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Sara E. Dysart.

I have known Stephen for over 10 years. He is well known for expertise in Water Law, being a consistent speaker and writer in that area. I recently worked on the other side of an office building transaction which was compressed in time, thus putting pressure on both sides to facilitate a year-end transaction. Stephen handled the transaction (and pressure) in a professional manner, without drama. He also has a background which includes public service (working for Harris County Judge Robert Eckels for 8 years, including while attending Law School).

Stephen has been a long time member of the State Bar of Texas Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section's "Real Estate Legislation Committee", which monitors new legislation and produces a Bi-Annual Guide to new laws affecting Real Estate. It is an intense experience and requires a commitment of give-back to the profession. I was told many times by the Chair of that Committee that Stephen was an excellent and important member.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Sara E. Dysart and certify that Stephen A. Cooney 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 Nominee nor his employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and I have never had any business relationship with him.

In the sense of full disclosure, Stephen's son Jordan has accepted an associate attorney position with our law firm, commencing next year. In addition to all his professional credentials, Stephen has raised a fine son and future real estate lawyer.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Reid C. Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Reid C. Wilson  
ACREL Member

cc: Sara E. Dysart

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