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

I am pleased to second Sean Dennison's nomination of **Domingo Cruz** for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

I worked extensively with Domingo when he was an in-house lawyer at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was our primary liaison with the client on an extremely complex debt and equity investment for a mixed-use development deal that was part of a high-profile public-private partnership. We worked as a team and Domingo added an enormous amount of value to the process, from beginning to end. I was impressed with Domingo's knowledge but more importantly, his judgment and collegiality. When we wrapped up, I tried to figure out how to bring Domingo over to DLA Piper as a member of our team. Domingo operated at the same level on other, less complex, matters. He is a first-class transactional lawyer and advocate.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership that Sean submitted and certify that Domingo 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.

I am so pleased to provide a second for Domingo. I am sure he will be a very strong ACREL member and I will look forward to the opportunity to learn from him in the future when he gets involved in speaking and writing opportunities for the College, which he will undoubtedly do.



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Many thanks to you and to the member selection committee for your efforts on behalf of the College and its fellows.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Klein'.

Frederick L. Klein

cc: Sean Dennison