

November 1, 2024

Mr. 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:

It is with great pleasure that I propose Brent Gilfedder for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

Brent is one of the rising stars of the Georgia real estate bar and his practice is a national one. I have known Brent for 20 years and worked with him for half that time. Brent and I are now frequently on opposite sides of transactions, and I have seen his skill and growth from both sides now. Brent is extremely bright, has excellent people skills and is a genuinely good and sincere person. What you see is what you get.

As seen from Brent's resume, Brent works with name-brand clients on high profile matters. I have personally worked with Brent on a number of projects, both while at the same firm and at different firms and can attest to his subject matter expertise, his professionalism and his skill at handling difficult personalities (often the most critical skill of a successful lawyer). Brent's insights and expertise would be an asset to the joint venture and development lawyers within ACREL. Brent is energetic, not afraid to second guess people and is listened to when he speaks. I highly recommend Brent for membership.

Brent's "give back" has been through a number of areas. First, Brent was part of a Georgia RE lawyer group that fought against a poorly informed Georgia bill to put restrictions on the way commercial real estate lawyers close transactions. Brent has published articles and has spoken to numerous groups. Brent has given back through board membership of local nonprofits and by coaching youth sports (and not just for his own kids).

I believe that Brent 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/her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and I

have no business relationship with the nominee other than my recommendation of Darryl to my clients in need of condominium counsel.

Yours truly,



D. Clayton Howell
ACREL Member