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John M. Nolan
Chair, Member Selection Committee
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Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Brent Gilfedder for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Clay Howell.

I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with Brent on quite a few commercial real estate matters since I began underwriting transactions from our Atlanta office seven years ago. Brent is a key figure within the real estate practice group at King & Spalding with a variety of sophisticated, high-profile clients. It's clear to me he is trusted by his colleagues, clients, and the Georgia real estate bar, and that he comes to title insurance transactions as a straight shooter. He knows his deal, and he doesn't expect or demand coverage that is superfluous to a matter. One area complementary to his law practice where I have had the honor to work alongside Brent is in advocacy before the Georgia legislature on matters affecting commercial real estate. Brent regularly joins with many other commercial real estate lawyers, title insurers, and business interests to lobby the members of the general assembly who don't otherwise hear from commercial real estate interests. In particular, there was a bill last year where Brent personally testified multiple times, wrote letters, made phone calls, emails, and visits to defeat an unconstitutional bill that would have had an immediately disastrous effect on commercial real estate transactions in Georgia. Brent helped found and is now serving on the board of directors for the Georgia Commercial Real Estate Coalition to unify the interests of commercial real estate lawyers and companies and to educate elected officials, the bar, and the public about the impact of commercial real estate to the Georgia economy.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Clay Howell and certify that Brent Gilfedder 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. Except as disclosed below, neither the nominee nor his/her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and my business relationship, if any, with the nominee is as follows: I receive no direct financial benefit from the relationship my employer, Fidelity National Financial, has with Brent Gilfedder's firm, King & Spalding. The firm regularly utilizes all major title insurers to underwrite their transactions, typically based on client preference.

Brent brings his pre-law background as a tax practitioner to his role as a distinguished commercial real estate lawyer. He uses his considerable academic and legal achievements to publish articles and write legislation that will improve the practice of commercial real estate law. While his clients are diverse and national in scope, it really says a lot to me that Brent's entire 20-year career as a lawyer is at the same firm; fairly unusual in today's market. I'm looking forward to seeing Brent be a contributing Fellow in our College. He has a lot to bring to the table both as a lawyer and an individual.

Yours truly,



Joe Powell
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