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

Re: Nomination of Michael V. Hargett

Dear Mr. Nolan,

It is my distinct pleasure to nominate Michael V. Hargett for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

I first came to know Mike as my next-door neighbor for over 5 years where he proved to be a kind and helpful friend with a lovely family and exceptional handyman skills. Later, I worked with Mike through our mutual service on the Executive Council of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law ("RPPTL") section of the Florida Bar where he was widely recognized as a hardworking, exceptionally talented and collegial rising star. During my tenure as RPPTL chair (2017-2018) Mike served with distinction on several committees including co-vice chair of the Real Property Litigation Committee, which he subsequently chaired. He also has presented to section members on topics as diverse as the "First Amendment to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure", "Adverse Possession of Easements", and "The Virtual Law Office."

In addition to Mike's many personal and professional qualifications, he has a unique background, having been educated and employed as a chemical engineer. He brings an engineer's attention to detail, precision and practicality to his practice. I've had the opportunity to testify as an expert witness in real estate litigation that Mike has handled and seen him utilize these capabilities. I've also been impressed with his advocacy skills, demeanor, and knowledge.

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I've spoken at length with Mike about ACREL including its mission and expectations for members. He is excited and enthusiastic. If elected, I have no doubt he will demonstrate the same passion and commitment he has in all his endeavors and ACREL will greatly benefit from his unique background.

Yours truly,

Andrew O Malley, Esq.

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