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John M. Nolan
Chair, Member Selection Committee
c/o American College of Real Estate
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Frederick, MD 21701

**RE: ACREL Membership Nomination
/HARGETT, Michael V. (Second)**

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second Michael V. Hargett's nomination for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Andrew "Drew" O'Malley, Esq.

In my role as Chair of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar, nearly ten years ago I identified Mike's leadership potential while he volunteered and served on the RPPTL Section's Real Property Litigation Committee and the Section's Problem Studies Committee. Though RPPTL service is consuming, time and energy, Mike volunteered to take on additional responsibilities as I have advanced him for multiple leadership roles, working closely with him on key initiatives while enjoying social events with Mike and his wife Holly. Mike's commitment to the RPPTL Section has been exemplary and he has led several of the Section's most challenging and controversial issues, bringing a sense of balance and fair play with intellectual vigor.

Mike Hargett is also known for his expertise as a practitioner. He has been a Board Certified Real Estate Lawyer since 2013. The Florida Bar's certification process is rigorous, requiring not only a substantive examination, but also peer review evaluations as to professionalism as well as substantive knowledge. As a member of The Florida Bar's Board of Governors, including serving on the Certification Plan Appeals Committee (of course required to note that I cannot speak on behalf of the Bar, the Board or the Committee), I can attest to the intensive certification process, both substantive and professional

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Drew O'Malley and certify that Michael V. Hargett satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in Section 4 of the Guidelines for Regular Member Selection. Beyond the script, Mike's leadership, service and commitment is evidenced by his receipt of the John Arthur

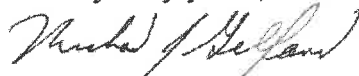
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Jones Annual Service Award, the RPPTL Section's award to a member who rendered dedicated and significantly outstanding service to the Section and its varied programs.

In my opinion and based on my personal 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 (other than RPPTL), (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: None.

Thus, I whole heartedly commend Michael V. Hargett for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Gelfand, Esq.
ACREL Member

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