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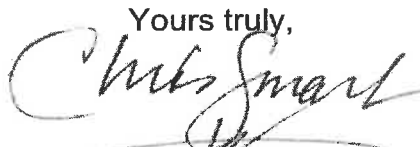
John M. Nolan
Chair, Member Selection Committee
c/o American College of Real Estate
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Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Mike Hargett for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Drew O'Malley.

I have known Mike for the last seven years through our mutual work for the Real Property and Probate and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar. In that time, I have seen Mike give back to the Bar and the legal community with a level of commitment and quality of work second to none. Mike is second career lawyer with a wealth of practical business experience and excellent legal mind who, despite all of that, remains as humble and serving a practitioner as we should all strive to be. It is my pleasure and honor to second his nomination.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Drew O'Malley and certify that Mike Hargett 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: none.

Yours truly,

Christopher W. Smart

cc: Drew O'Malley

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