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John M. Nolan
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Dear Mr. Nolan:

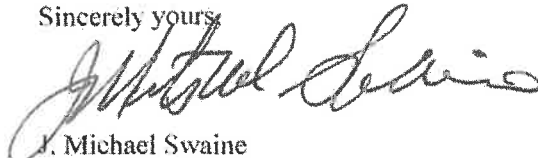
It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Michael V. Hargett for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Drew O'Malley.

I have known Mike for five or six years, mostly through the Executive Council of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of the Florida Bar, where he has been extremely active. As a former Chair of the Section, I have especially appreciated his active role in chairing the section's Real Property Litigation Committee, speaking frequently at the Section's Legislative Update seminars, and serving on the Problem Study Committee as well as providing at least one article for the section's "Action Line" publication.

Mike has also served as The Working Group Leader of our Strategic Planning Committee this year. Mike clearly satisfies the American College Of Real Estate Lawyers "give back" requirements.

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. 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 in the same firm, business entity, faculty or other organization as the Nominee, related by birth or marriage to the Nominee, or a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College. Neither the nominee nor his employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm, and I have no business relationship with the nominee.

Sincerely yours,



J. Michael Swaine

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