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John M. Nolan
Chair, Member Selection Committee
c/o American College of Real Estate Lawyers
220 N. Market Street, Suite 100
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Re: Michael Hargett

Dear John:

It is with great pleasure that I second Drew O'Malley's nomination of Michael Hargett for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. I have known Mike for nearly ten years through his involvement on the Executive Council of the Florida Bar's Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section. In a Section of hard workers who "give back" every day, Mike has broken the mold for give back, commitment, and reliability. We have had a number of very significant, high-profile, and sometimes controversial, always time-consuming and burdensome, projects, tasks, and leadership positions that have come up over the past five years that Mike has unselfishly taken on at the request of Section leadership, successfully brought them to conclusion, and impressed everybody with whom he worked in the process. He chaired the Real Property Litigation Committee, a very sizable Section committee, chaired a task force on very major and voluminous changes to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, chaired a committee to rebrand and remarket the Section and its webpage and communications methods, and led a working group in the Section's long-range strategic planning. He currently serves as one of my vice-chairs on the Section's Legislation Committee. He evaluated, analyzed, gave presentations on, and worked closely with the Florida Legislature pertaining the Uniform Heirs Property Act. He has drafted legislation on multiple issues that became Section initiatives that were subsequently passed into law. He has a long resume of speaking engagements, including presentations on the amendments to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure (several different presentations pertaining to them), easements, a study of covenants running with the land, piercing the homestead veil, landlords and tenants in bankruptcy, and many others. Despite this heavy load, Mike has never turned down a request from Section leadership to assume more tasks and I personally believe it is only a matter of time before Mike ascends to Section leadership himself.

I received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership Drew O'Malley submitted and certify that Michael 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, Mike satisfies ACREL's Statement of Professionalism and exemplifies the standards of professional

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integrity and civility as provided in the Guidelines. I am not (a) in the same firm, business entity, faculty or other organization as Mike, (b) related by birth or marriage to Mike, or (c) a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College. Neither Mike nor his employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and my business relationship with Mike is limited to my involvement on the Florida Bar's Real Property Section.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration of Mike for College fellowship.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee A. Weintraub". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "L" and "W".

Lee A. Weintraub
For the Firm

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cc: Drew O'Malley, Esq