



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF REAL ESTATE LAWYERS
MEMBER SELECTION

October 9, 2024

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

Mr. Nolan:

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

I have had the pleasure of working closely with Mike through our service with the Real Property Probate Trust Law Section ("Section") of the Florida Bar. I am currently Chair-Elect of the Section so have seen Mike's work product on Section initiatives over the last 5-10 years. He has chaired several important initiatives during this time. Most recently, Mike chaired a task force to comment on and educate Section members on the Florida Supreme Court's amendments to the Rules of Civil Procedure, which will drastically alter the way litigation is conducted in Florida state courts starting January 1, 2025. This has been a multi-year effort and Mike's work product was first-rate and very impactful. The final version of the amended rules reflects many of the comments and concerns that Mike and the task force raised with the Florida Supreme Court. This required briefing and arguing before the Florida Supreme Court.

Mike is also an engineer, which provides him useful insight to many of the real property issues we encounter in our daily practice. I am a construction lawyer, so Mike's engineering background is particularly impressive to me. He is very analytical in the way he approaches tasks, enabling him resolve issues in an efficient manner. He is also very affable and pleasant to be around.

I have 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. Neither the nominee nor his/her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer. I have no business relationship with the nominee.

I second Mike Hargett's nomination to the College without qualification or hesitation.

Yours truly,

ACREL Member

Wm. Cary Wright

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cc: Andrew "Drew" O'Malley, Esq.