

October 29, 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

Re: Proposer Letter for Christopher D. Hopkins

Dear Mr. Nolan:

I am delighted to nominate Christopher D. Hopkins for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

Chris is a consummate real estate professional, highly regarded by all in the New Jersey real estate community. I have worked with Chris over the past several years in planning and speaking at an advanced leasing program sponsored by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education. Chris has played an active role in the planning process, as well as speaking at and writing for these programs. The programs cover a wide range of leasing topics, and Chris has presented, and continues to present, on a number of more contemporary legal issues in the leasing arena, including smart building technology and AI issues, as well as green leasing issues, together with more traditional issues that have a complexity to them, including advanced construction work letter issues.

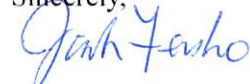
Evident from the writings included with this nomination, Chris has had meaningful involvement in a broad array of real estate legal issues, including structuring real estate acquisitions, adverse possession, opportunity zone investment, condominium law and wetlands issues.

Chris maintains a sophisticated practice, as evidenced by some of the more meaningful representations over the past year that are listed in his resume, including: (a) representation of a developer in the redevelopment of a 932-unit multiphase multifamily community that included the drafting of a Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements to ensure the continuing coordinated operation and maintenance of the common amenities; (b) representation of a redeveloper in the acquisition and redevelopment of a major urban 8-acre site which is the location of a historic train terminal; (c) the representation of a private equity firm in its joint venture with a national homebuilding company for the acquisition of a two hundred and fifty-four (254) unit condominium with phased takedowns, separate option and constructions agreements; and (d) the representation of a non-profit entity with respect to its ground lease to a developer, including construction financing and structuring a sale lease back transaction to take advantage of New Market Tax Credits.

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In sum, I strongly believe that Chris is an outstanding real estate practitioner, is extremely intelligent, is willing to share his knowledge and experience through his writing and speaking activities, and has tremendous integrity. I am pleased to nominate Chris for membership in ACREL. He will be a credit to the college.

Sincerely,



Jack Fersko