

October 23, 2024

VIA EMAIL

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: Proposal for Membership – Christopher D. Hopkins

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Christopher D. Hopkins for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (“ACREL”) made by Jack Fersko.

I have known Chris for at least seven years since he joined Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. (“Wilentz”). I have worked closely with Chris on multiple complex real estate transactions and his expertise and professionalism were commendable throughout our transactions. It has long been evident that Chris has vast real estate experience and, as a result, is highly regarded in New Jersey’s real estate community. His ‘give-back’ contributions are substantial, as noted in his resume and Proposal for Membership.

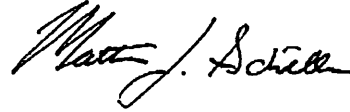
I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Jack Fersko and certify that Chris satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in Section 4 of the Guidelines for Regular Member Selection. In my opinion and to my knowledge, Chris satisfies ACREL’s Statement of 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 noted 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: my wife, Laura Schiller, recently joined Wilentz as a shareholder in the firm’s trusts and estates practice group in September 2024 (after I agreed to second Chris’s nomination for ACREL).

I am sure Chris will be a very strong ACREL member and I will look forward to the opportunity to learn from him in the future when he gets involved in speaking and writing opportunities for the College. Many thanks to you and the member selection committee for your efforts on behalf of the College and its fellows.

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Based upon the foregoing, it is my pleasure to second Chris's nomination as a 2024 ACREL fellow. Should you have any questions or wish to further discuss this nomination, I am available to speak at your convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew J. Schiller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

MATTHEW J. SCHILLER