

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF REAL ESTATE LAWYERS MEMBER SELECTION

November 1, 2024

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

Re: Nomination of Peter J. Irwin for Selection as an ACREL Fellow, New York Chapter

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is my privilege and great pleasure to nominate Peter J. Irwin, a partner of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. Peter also serves as the Chair of the Firm's Real Estate Group and is a member of its interdisciplinary Special Situations team. I have reviewed the College's Guidelines for Regular Member Selection and certify that Mr. Irwin satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in the Guidelines.

I was first introduced to Peter by his partner and ACREL Fellow Steven Alden shortly after Peter started as an associate at Debevoise and have interacted with Peter ever since. His detailed ACREL Resume, Firm Biography and Listing of Select Representations clearly confirm that Peter's national practice encompasses a wide variety of complex real estate-related transactions representing sophisticated investors in their acquisitions and sales, leasing, joint ventures, financings, and especially in debt and equity investments of private equity real estate funds.

Peter is recognized as a preeminent practitioner in the real estate marketplace, and among the members of real estate and finance bars as well, as having an outstanding reputation for excellence and integrity in his practice and in the community generally. He has also been honored as a David Rockefeller Fellow by the Partnership for New York City

Peter's ACREL Resume also catalogues in detail his participation in the New York State Bar Association and its Real Property Section and his work on the Board of the St. John's University School of Law's Mattone Family Institute for Real Estate Law; work with the Real Estate Board of New York; numerous CLE speaking engagements and training sessions; extensive legal publications as an individual and a lead author; continuous community service with diverse groups; and extensive pro bono activities for numerous groups.

In my opinion and to my knowledge, Mr. Irwin more than satisfies the College'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 Mr. Irwin, (b) related by birth or marriage to him, or (c) a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College. Neither he nor his employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm, and my business relationship, if any, with him is only historical, as described above.

Knowing Peter, I am sure that he will fit in to the friendly camaraderie and generous sharing of knowledge and experience that are the hallmarks of ACREL.

Thank you for your assistance in moving this nomination through the ACREL process.

cc:

James Carolan Kris Ferranti Richard Fries John Mallinson Jay Neveloff