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Mr. John Nolan  
Chair, Member Selection Committee  
c/o American College of Real Estate Lawyers  
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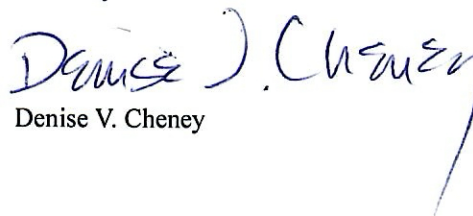
Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Leslie Johnson for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Roland Love.

I have known Leslie Johnson for a number of years, as a speaker on real estate topics for continuing legal education programs, and more directly, as a member of the Council of the State Bar of Texas Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section ("REPTL"). Leslie is an extremely knowledgeable and accomplished real estate attorney who has a background both in real estate litigation and in transactional matters, and is always courteous and professional in her interactions. As counsel to a title insurance company, Leslie is very familiar with the many facets of property law that underpin a real estate practice, and she is a "go-to" person on title issues. Leslie served as the course director for the State Bar of Texas Real Estate 101 Course this year and used her knowledge of current real estate practice to restructure the course into a much more useful program. Leslie is also a fantastic people-person and communicator who works well with others and devotes time and energy to performing tasks. When I became the Chair of REPTL in 2022, Leslie was a new Council member, and she immediately made a huge contribution to the Section through her work on two committees that were desperately in need of committed members – the website committee and the membership committee. REPTL had needed a better website for a number of years. Not only was there a lot of outdated information on the website which needed to be revised or removed, but the website itself was primitive and difficult to maneuver around. Even though a website designer had been hired to revise the website, the process had stalled due in part to the absence of committee members devoting the time needed to review and respond to proposed revisions. Leslie immediately began to work on the website, and soon had it updated. She, along with other members, worked with the website designer to create a website that was much more useful for Section members. She was instrumental in creating a search function for the library of CLE course materials maintained on the REPTL website — which is an important benefit that we provide to members. Leslie made similar contributions to the membership committee by identifying glitches in our membership renewal process and suggesting methods of fixing them. In my experience, it is rare to see a committee member make such meaningful contributions in such a short period of time. When I was asked to provide a seconding letter for Leslie, I couldn't think of a worthier candidate. Not only is Leslie an accomplished real estate attorney, but she is also a creative thinker who puts her talents to work in undertaking and solving practical problems. Leslie is a tremendous asset to REPTL, and I believe that she will be a tremendous asset to ACREL .

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Roland Love and certify that Leslie Johnson 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 her employer regularly employs or retains me, or my law firm and I have no business relationship with the nominee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise V. Cheney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Denise V. Cheney

Cc: Roland Love