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Via E-mail (jaburgess@acrel.org)

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Re: Proposer Letter for Nomination of Thomas A. Kabel (Michigan)

Dear Ms. Burgess:

I enclose the following relative to the nomination of Thomas A. Kabel for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers:

1. Proposal;
2. Resume;
3. Written Materials; and
4. Seconding Letters from ACREL Fellows Ronald Reynolds and C. Kim Shierk.

I have known Mr. Kabel for approximately 25 years. Until 2013, I was a partner at Mr. Kabel's current firm. I have watched him develop from a very capable associate, to partner and now a director of the firm. During that time, and since, Tom and I have worked together extensively as members and officers of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan ("RPLS"). We are both former chairpersons of the RPLS, which requires countless hours of "giveback" to the legal and larger community, as well as to the Section itself, which boasts more than 2,000 real estate attorneys in the State of Michigan. Mr. Kabel remains active in the RPLS, participating in several committees and as an ex-officio member of its governing Council. Tom has written many articles and taught many seminars for attorneys both at the RPLS and other organizations. It has been to my substantial personal and professional benefit to have been associated with Tom for so many years.

As indicated in the enclosed Proposal, I have certified that Thomas A. Kabel 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. Except as disclosed 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: None.

I urge the committee to seriously consider this strong candidate for Fellowship. Mr. Kabel is exactly what we are looking for in an ACREL Fellow.

Very truly yours,

ACREL Fellow



Patrick A. Karbowski

Enclosures

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