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

Dear John,

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Katherine M. Noonan for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by David L. Miller.

I first met Katie when we worked together to plan and present a program for the Advanced Real Property Institute of the Maryland State Bar Association in November, 2020 entitled COVID-19 and Real Estate Transactions: Where Are and Where Do We Go From Here? This was a first-time program for obvious reasons. We couldn't just dust off and update some prior speech or article on a conventional topic we may have given previously. Katie was very creative in scoping out the best way to assemble and apply familiar principles to an unprecedented situation.

Katie is an excellent real estate lawyer. The fact she has assumed a position of leadership in the real estate department at Ballard Spahr is proof of that.

On the giveback issue, there really is nothing to talk about. Her teaching and writing on matters of interest to the College and the real estate bar are extensive and impressive. The range of the subject matter of these presentations and publications is wide and sophisticated.

On top of all of this, Katie is a very genial person. She was a pleasure to work with on our program. Fellows will really enjoy getting to know her.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by David L. Miller and certify that Katherine M. Noonan satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in the applicable 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

Yours truly,



Searle E. Mitnick