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

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Matthew Pluss for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by J Marcus Painter.

I represented my law firm in connection with a new lease for our offices in Denver. Matt represented the landlord, so we were on opposite sides of the lease transaction. So while I have known him for a couple of years, my contact with him has been limited to the approximately 4 month period that we negotiated the transaction. My basis for assessing that the Matt satisfies ACREL's "giveback" requirements and other criteria for selection is based upon his resume and Mr. Painter's nomination application.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by J Marcus Painter and certify that Matthew Pluss 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 his employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and my business relationship, if any, with the nominee is as follows: we were adversaries on a lease transaction in which I represented my firm, as tenant, and he represented Brookfield Properties, as the landlord, for office space in Denver.

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Matt was very knowledgeable with respect to the lease issues and was thoughtful and professional throughout the transaction.

Yours truly,

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DC Silver", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David C. Silver