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John M. Nolan  
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Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Vanessa H. Sharpe for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL). I have known Vanessa since 2008, as we were in the same graduating law school class at Loyola University New Orleans. Professionally, I have had the privilege of working closely with Vanessa for the past 8 years through her role at First American Title Insurance Company.

Vanessa possesses exceptional legal acumen and a dedication to fostering collegiality within the legal community. Her ability to navigate complex title issues has earned the trust and respect of title companies and producers throughout the state, including our law firm's title company, Lewis Title Co., Inc. Vanessa is patient and fair in evaluating title issues, and her approach exemplifies the highest standards of the legal profession and reinforces the collaborative ethos that ACREL values.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Vanessa is deeply committed to "giving back" to the profession. I have personally participated with Vanessa on multiple panels, and she is always well-prepared and engaging. She is consistently eager to jump in and participate whenever she is asked. For example, she was a quick "yes" to speaking engagements with the ABA RPTE and the Louisiana Banker's Association when I asked. She is also heavily involved in a number of organizations throughout the state, including the Louisiana Land Title Association. In fact, she is President-Elect of the New Orleans chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW). These contributions not only reflect her dedication to the advancement of the profession but also her willingness to invest time and effort in developing others.

I have no doubt that Vanessa would be an active and engaged Fellow, eager to contribute to ACREL's programs and initiatives. Her passion for real estate law, combined with her integrity and collegial spirit, make her a worthy addition to this organization.

Thank you for considering this nomination. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information or wish to discuss Vanessa's candidacy further.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Christiansen".

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