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John M. Nolan
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RE: ACREL Member Selection

Dear John:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Vanessa H. Sharpe for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Ryan Christiansen.

I've known Vanessa well for more than eight (8) years through her position with First American Title Insurance Company and subsequently in her membership in New Orleans Commercial Real Estate Women. I know her expertise in Louisiana real property law as well as title and title insurance.

She's been a speaker at many First American Seminars and several ABA Real Property Trust & Estate Section (RPTE) seminars on title insurance, and she's been a knowledgeable and very informative presenter. She's also the current President-Elect of the New Orleans Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW).

Based on my experience with Vanessa in major title insurance transactions, in New Orleans CREW, and her RPTE presentations, I can confidently say that she satisfies all of ACREL's "giveback" requirements, its expertise requirements, and its other criteria for selection.

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I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Ryan Christiansen and certify that Vanessa 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, Vanessa 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 Vanessa, (b) related by birth or marriage to Vanessa, or (c) a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College. Neither Vanessa nor her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, although our law firm is an authorized title insurance agent for her employer.

Vanessa is a recognized expert in Louisiana title issues and title insurance, and she will bring this expertise to ACREL. I wholeheartedly support Vanessa for election to the College.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Cahill', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elwood F. Cahill, Jr.

cc: Ryan Christiansen