



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF REAL ESTATE LAWYERS
MEMBER SELECTION

John M. Nolan
Chair, Member Selection Committee
c/o American College of Real Estate Lawyers
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Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Nolan:

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 five years through her position with First American Title Insurance Company and her membership in New Orleans Commercial Real Estate Women. I know and respect her expertise in Louisiana real property law as well as title and title insurance matters.

She's been a speaker on more than one Real Property Trust & Estate Section seminar on title insurance, and she's been a knowledgeable and very informative presenter on those programs. She's also the President-Elect of New Orleans CREW. Particularly but not solely in Louisiana, Vanessa is a known expert in Louisiana title issues and title insurance, and she will bring this expertise to ACREL.

Based on my experience with Vanessa in deals, in New Orleans CREW, and through 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.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Ryan Christiansen and certify that Vanessa H. Sharpe 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 her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and my experience with Vanessa has been in professional organizations.

Yours truly,
ACREL Member

cc: Ryan Christiansen