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Re: Seconding Letter: J.J. Sherman Proposal for Membership

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

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of J.J. Sherman for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Karen O'Malley.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Karen O'Malley and certify that J.J. Sherman 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. Except as disclosed below, neither the nominee nor his/her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and I have no business relationship with the nominee, other than our collaboration on St. John's Law programs as described below.

Over the past six years, I have gotten to know J.J. very well as part of the St. John's Law alumni community. From our first encounter, J.J. impressed me with her deep interest in real estate and desire to share her immense knowledge with the next generation of lawyers, whether through teaching courses, guest lecturing, mentoring/employing students or serving on our Advisory Board. Over the years that have followed, she has become an invaluable contributor and collaborator on our programs. She has the heart of a teacher, and effectively relates to students at all levels both inside and outside of the classroom. In her Drafting: Real Estate Transactions course, she taught students how to draft documents as varied as purchase and sale agreements and partnership agreements. The course was a great success and well-reviewed by its students; subsequently, we have invited her back to teach and guest lecture several times. As a member of our Advisory Board, I rely on J.J.'s guidance and counsel in connection with planning courses, programs and initiatives. J.J. also hosts law student interns, two of whom have been given the golden opportunity to co-publish articles with J.J. during the course of their internships. In addition

to all of her contributions to us here at the Law School, she actively and generously shares her knowledge with fellow attorneys through CLEs, webinars and presentations at the California Lawyers Association (where she chaired the Commercial Leasing Committee), St. John's Law and elsewhere, and with those in need through her substantial pro bono activities, including on behalf of the Al Hirschfeld Foundation. I have attended several of her lectures and presentations and have always found them to be well-researched and prepared, informative and fun.

I heartily recommend J.J. Sherman for membership. If accepted, I have every confidence she would be an asset, and actively contribute to, the College, as I have seen her accomplish with such great effect at our Law School.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Sein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "S".

Robert J. Sein
ACREL Member

cc: Karen O'Malley