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Mr. John M. Nolan
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Re: Brooks R. Smith

Dear John:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Brooks Smith for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

Brooks and I have worked opposite one another for a long time – probably fifteen or twenty years. He is my go-to lawyer for real estate matters in the State of Tennessee. I have found Brooks to be knowledgeable and highly skilled. He has both the breadth and depth of knowledge that our clients require on complex real estate matters. Brooks delivers the kind of service I would expect from a skilled practitioner and a member of ACREL.

Brooks is hard-working, diligent and thoughtful. He provides sound advice. I cannot speak to Brooks' extra-curricular activities as a writer and speaker. However, I do know that Brooks' associates hold him in high regard as a teacher and a mentor. He is a leader to them.

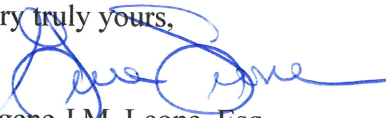
I have completed the Proposal for Membership and certify that Brooks Smith satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in Section 4 of the Guidelines for Regular Member Selection. In my opinion and to my knowledge, Brooks satisfies ACREL's Statement of Professionalism and exemplifies 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 Brooks, (b) related by birth or marriage to Brooks, or (c) a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College. Neither Brooks nor his law firm, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, employs or retains me or my law firm, and my

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business relationship with Brooks is entirely the result of occasions on which my colleagues and I engage Bradley Arant to act as Tennessee counsel.

Please reach out if I can provide any additional information or answer any questions.

Very truly yours,



Eugene J.M. Leone, Esq.
ACREL Member

cc: Gregory M. Stein, Esq.
Steven Mezer, Esq.