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Julie A. Burgess, CMP
Co-Executive Director
American College of Real Estate Lawyers
220 N Market Street, Suite 100
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Ms. Burgess,

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination made by Gene Leone of Brooks R. Smith for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

I have known Brooks for many years. I am familiar with his career path and work product and believe he fully satisfies the requirements for admission to ACREL.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Gene Leone and certify that Brooks R. 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, 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 his employer regularly has any business relationship with my company.

Yours truly,

John E. Hagefstration
ACREL Member

cc: Gene Leone