

SECONDING LETTER

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 Jeffrey W. Smith for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Billie Ellis.

I have known Jeff for many years – mostly through our joint participation in the Houston Real Estate Lawyers' Council ("HRELC"). HRELC is a group of Houston based real estate lawyers that meet once a month to share information and present continuing legal education for its members. Through HRELC, I have gotten to know Jeff and witness him present on important issues facing the practice. While we have not had the pleasure to work together on a transaction, I am very familiar with his reputation in the community and profession and his satisfaction of the ACREL giveback requirements.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Billie Ellis and certify that Jeffrey W. 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. Except as disclosed below, neither the nominee nor his/her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and my business relationship, if any, with the nominee is as follows: N/A.

Yours truly,



Lewis S. Kasner
ACREL Member – Class of 2019

cc: Billie Ellis