

October 30, 2024

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 John:

I am pleased to second the nomination of Benjamin W. Spiess for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. Ben is a very successful real estate attorney whose expertise and contributions to the field make him an exceptional candidate for ACREL.

Ben maintains a broad practice in Alaska and also represents clients (with local counsel support) in other areas of the country. In addition to his more “typical” real estate practice, Ben specializes in assisting clients through structuring real estate investment partnerships, development of joint ventures, syndications and all aspects of related securities law matters including Rule 506 private placements. As an Alaskan, Ben brings a unique perspective on many typical practices in the “lower 48” and expertise in areas many of us never address. Thus, Ben’s practice also touches on Alaska Native land issues and Alaska public lands law, natural resource law, as well as working for the development of marine facilities and tidelands, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. I believe Ben’s expertise in these areas will significantly expand ACREL’s knowledge base.

Ben’s dedication to education is evident in his role as an instructor for the Alaska Bar Real Estate Section. Ben has lectured on the Anchorage zoning code and has also provided case law updates to the Alaska Bar. Ben has also presented on tidelands issues to harbormasters, addressing renaming of locations with offensive words and native burial and culture sites; these are not common topics. In addition, Ben has contributed the Alaska section on a State-by-State Guide to Commercial Real Estate Leases.

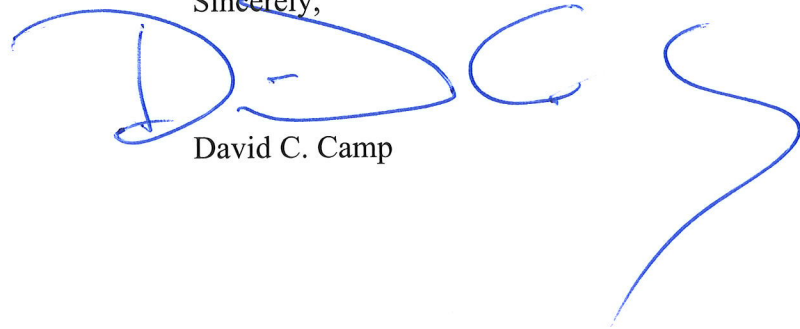
I firmly believe that Ben’s extensive experience, commitment to excellence, and passion for real estate law will make him a valuable asset to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and providing excellent representation for the great state of Alaska. I strongly recommend him for membership and am confident he will uphold the values and standards of this prestigious organization.

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I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Bryan Lewis and certify that Ben 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: We have done limited local counsel work with Ben amounting to less than \$20,000 in fees over the past five years.

Thank you for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DCC". The signature is stylized with a large "D", a smaller "C", and a long horizontal stroke connecting them. A long, thin, wavy line extends from the end of the signature.

David C. Camp

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