

December 3, 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 Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Benjamin W. Spiess for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by Joan Travostino.

Ben and I and other members of my firm have worked with Ben as local counsel for his clients. We have all been impressed by the acuity of his questions and his representation of his clients. Moreover, we have all enjoyed the personal pleasure of working with Ben.

For many years, Ben has contributed a chapter on Alaska commercial real estate lease to a book that I edit. His submissions are prompt and thorough.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by Ms. Travostino 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, Ben 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 Ben, (b) related by birth or marriage to Ben, or (c) a current Governor or member of the Member Selection Committee of the College. Except as disclosed below, neither Ben nor his employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and my business relationship, if any, with the nominee is as follows: Ben has referred matters to my law firm.

Yours truly,



Mark A. Senn

cc: Joan Travostino, Esq.